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UP TRAINS											
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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	Noon	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	Dep. 6.40	Dep. 8.05	Dep. 8.25	Dep. 9.15	Dep. 10.15	Dep. 12.00	Dep. 1.15	Dep. 1.35	Dep. 4.05	Dep. 4.45	Dep. 5.35
Yau Ma Tei	Dep. 6.48	Dep. 8.13	Dep. 8.33	Dep. 9.23	Dep. 10.23	Dep. 12.08	Dep. 1.23	Dep. 1.43	Dep. 4.13	Dep. 4.53	Dep. 5.43
Shatin	Dep. 7.00	Dep. 8.25	Dep. 8.45	Dep. 9.35	Dep. 10.35	Dep. 12.20	Dep. 1.35	Dep. 1.55	Dep. 4.25	Dep. 5.05	Dep. 5.55
Tai Po	Dep. 7.15	Dep. 8.40	Dep. 9.00	Dep. 9.50	Dep. 10.50	Dep. 12.35	Dep. 1.50	Dep. 2.10	Dep. 4.40	Dep. 5.20	Dep. 6.10
Tai Po Market	Dep. 7.19	Dep. 8.44	Dep. 9.04	Dep. 9.54	Dep. 10.54	Dep. 12.39	Dep. 1.54	Dep. 2.14	Dep. 4.44	Dep. 5.24	Dep. 6.14
Fai Ling	Dep. 7.30	Dep. 8.55	Dep. 9.15	Dep. 10.05	Dep. 11.05	Dep. 12.47	Dep. 2.05	Dep. 2.25	Dep. 4.55	Dep. 5.35	Dep. 6.25
Shing Shui	Dep. 7.35	Dep. 9.05	Dep. 9.25	Dep. 10.15	Dep. 11.15	Dep. 12.52	Dep. 2.10	Dep. 2.30	Dep. 5.00	Dep. 5.40	Dep. 6.30
Shum Shu	Dep. 7.41	Dep. 9.11	Dep. 9.31	Dep. 10.21	Dep. 11.21	Dep. 12.58	Dep. 2.16	Dep. 2.36	Dep. 5.06	Dep. 5.46	Dep. 6.36
Canton	Arr. 11.35	Arr. 12.40	Arr. 13.00	Arr. 13.50	Arr. 14.50	Arr. 16.35	Arr. 17.50	Arr. 18.10	Arr. 20.40	Arr. 21.20	Arr. 22.10

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STATIONS	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11
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Canton	Dep. 7.17	Dep. 8.42	Dep. 9.02	Dep. 9.52	Dep. 10.52	Dep. 12.37	Dep. 1.52	Dep. 2.12	Dep. 4.42	Dep. 5.22	Dep. 6.12
Shum Shu	Dep. 7.24	Dep. 8.49	Dep. 9.09	Dep. 9.59	Dep. 10.59	Dep. 12.44	Dep. 2.09	Dep. 2.29	Dep. 4.49	Dep. 5.29	Dep. 6.19
Shing Shui	Dep. 7.28	Dep. 8.53	Dep. 9.13	Dep. 10.03	Dep. 11.03	Dep. 12.48	Dep. 2.13	Dep. 2.33	Dep. 5.03	Dep. 5.43	Dep. 6.33
Fai Ling	Dep. 7.43	Dep. 9.08	Dep. 9.28	Dep. 10.18	Dep. 11.18	Dep. 13.03	Dep. 2.28	Dep. 2.48	Dep. 5.18	Dep. 5.58	Dep. 6.48
Tai Po	Dep. 7.48	Dep. 9.23	Dep. 9.43	Dep. 10.33	Dep. 11.33	Dep. 13.08	Dep. 2.33	Dep. 2.53	Dep. 5.23	Dep. 6.03	Dep. 6.53
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TO-DAY.
(February 17.)

Ember Day.
Meetings: Hong Kong Trainways, Ltd., 12 noon.
Whist Drives at Seamen's Institute and Kowloon Dock Recreation Club.
Hockey:—Hong Kong Hockey Club v. J.A. Regiment (U.S.R.C. ground) 4 p.m.; Recreation Radio Sports Club.
Hunting: Fanling Hunt Hounds Meet.
Hunters' Arms, 3.15 p.m.
Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis Tournament:—Open Singles Championships: Lee Wai Fung v. J. G. Lecky, A. V. Gosano v. Yew Man Kit, H. N. Lee v. Lu Tak Cheuk, J. A. Cassamhoy v. E. Nash, S. A. Rumjahn v. H. N. Chan, L. T. Hinde v. G. H. Harkins, T. C. Mohan v. Tsui Yan Pui, E. W. Ralston v. M. K. Lo, A. L. Sullivan v. F. D. Pereira.
King's Theatre: "Always Good-bye."
Central Theatre: "Waterloo Bridge."
Queen's Theatre: "The Squaw Man."
Star Theatre: "Bridge of Sane Luis Rey."
World Theatre: "A Girl of Unknown Parentage" (Chinese film).
Harmston's Circus at Wanchai, 9.15 p.m.
Tea Dances at King's Restaurant and Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, Peninsula Hotel and King's Restaurant.
European Mail:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Andre Labon) 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY.
(February 18.)

Extraordinary General Meeting, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club; Jardine's Boardroom, 5.30 p.m.
Concert at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Union Church, Hong Kong, Annual Meeting, 8.45 p.m.
Theosophical Society, Meeting, 6 p.m.
Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis Tournament:—Open Singles Championships:—D. B. Evans v. W. Woo, Chiu Chun Chiu v. Wong Pak Nam, A. A. White v. A. L. Sullivan, or Pereira, M. W. Lo v. Firdos Khan, Y. Hachima v. S. E. Green, A. H. Rumjahn v. H. Y. Ho, Y. Ho, Y. V. Segalen v. Lu Tak Lum.
Queen's Theatre: "This Modern Age."
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MR. LLOYD GEORGE AT HOME

READY FOR THE POLITICAL FRAY.

OLD VICOUR RECAPTURED!

Mr. Lloyd George, who reached Plymouth on the Rajputana last month, very kindly received me at Churt, writes a London Journalist. He had barely been home half an hour and was taking tea in his library. Evening was coming on, and a maid drawing the curtains shut out the twilight and the first stars.

A single glance at Mr. Lloyd George in the warm light flooding the room was enough to convince one that it is the Lloyd George of very nearly prime who has come back from the East. His complexion has recaptured that clear rosy tint that seems to have been reserved for the best Welsh stock. His abundant white hair has been skilfully winnowed by a barber who evidently knows his job and the effect is to make him look very much younger. His eye is clear, his step springy, and he advances with the old eager thrust of the shoulders that gives such a strong individuality to his walk.

In short, he is in fine fettle, and ought to receive in a body all the gossip from the political clubs who have been tipping their noses for weeks and hinting all sorts of depressing things about him.

The remarkable thing is that he had passed through such a night as might have reduced a very hefty club gossip to comparative quiet. The Rajputana had fought her way up channel in the teeth of a gale and had been badly battered. Mr. Lloyd George, like the other passengers, spent the night gripping the side of his bunk to prevent himself from being thrown out. He had had no sleep and yet here he was, all alive and working his way through a substantial cigar before I left him.

The Political Situation.
The talk turned quickly to politics. Politics cannot be kept out for long with Mr. Lloyd George. But for once in his life he did not advance his own views so much as ask for information. He was eager to hear anything and everything about the political situation. He confessed to a great ignorance of political happenings since he left for India. He had not read a single English newspaper. He had been dependent for news upon wireless snippets and local papers. The English papers were old when he

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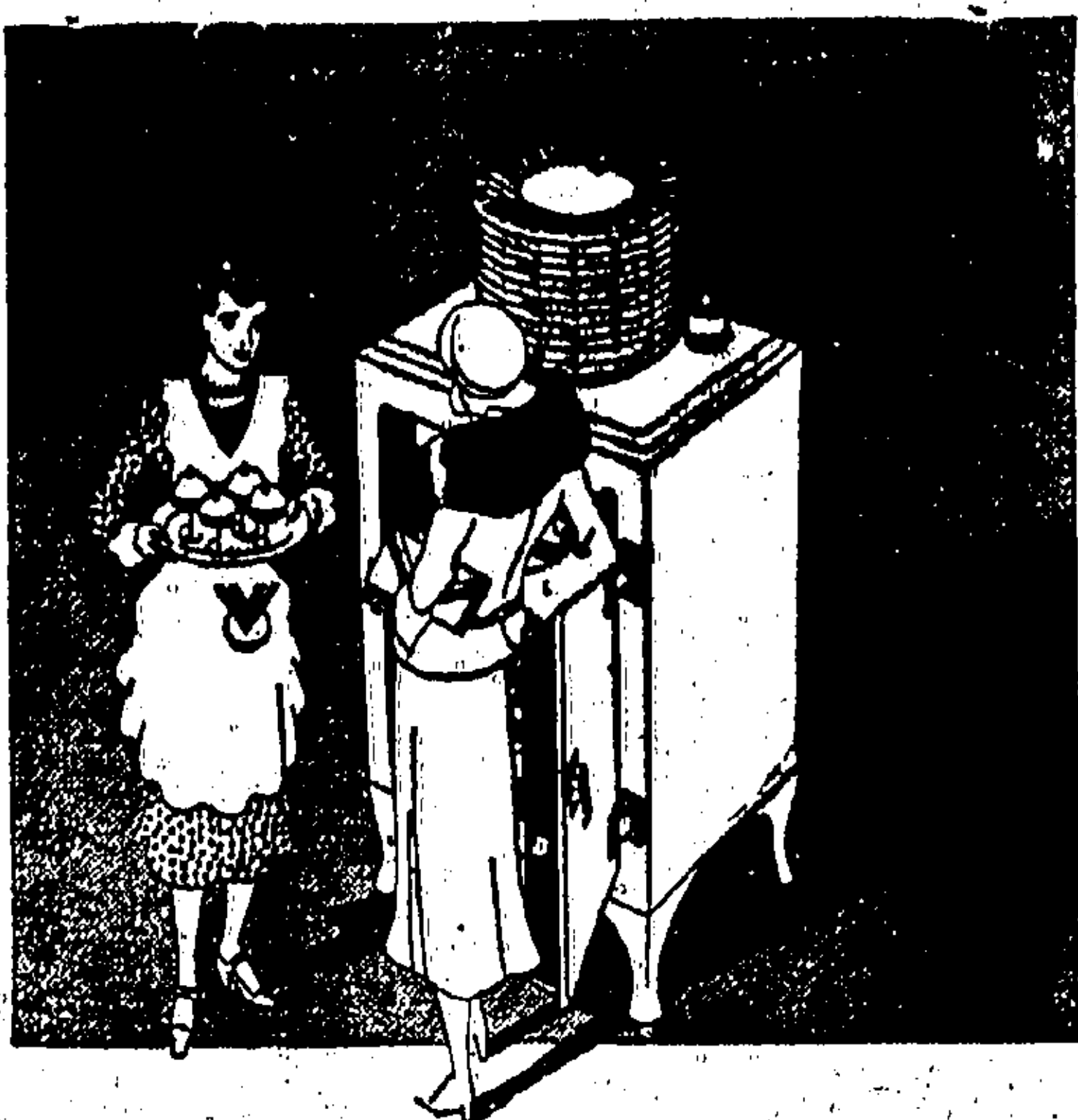
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"Helena," the last of the great 4-engined aeroplanes built to the order of Imperial Airways by Messrs. Handley Page Ltd., has just been delivered at the London airport, and Britain now possesses, in regular operation, a fleet of the biggest and most luxurious passenger air-liners in the world.

There are now eight of these 2,800 horse-power aircraft, four being equipped to operate on the India air-mail route eastward from Cairo, and the remaining four being for use on the Continental service between London and Paris.

The names of these air-liners, classed according to their type, are as follows:—

For India route (Cairo-Karachi): Hannibal, Hadrian, Hanno and Horus.

For Continental route (London-Paris): Hercules, Horatius, Hengist and Helena.

To render them specially suitable for semi-tropical conditions on the India route, the "Eastern" machines provide exceptionally spacious accommodation for 18 passengers; whereas the saloons in each of the machines on the Paris route seat as many as 38 passengers.

Near-East Routes.

In the four air-liners operating in the Near-East, provision is made for carrying 3,500 lbs. of mails and freight, but in the machines on the Continental route, carrying so many more passengers, the mail and freight capacity is approximately 1,000 lbs.

Each of the eight air-liners has a crew of four—a pilot, assistant pilot, wireless operator, and steward; but in the machines operating daily between London and Paris, on which a four-course lunch is now served while in flight, two stewards are carried, one for each saloon.

Each of these luxury air-liners is driven by its four engines at a maximum speed of 120 miles-an-hour, and cruises at 105 miles-an-hour; while by the placing of the engines away from the body of the machine, and the employment of special sound-deadening materials in the hull-structure, noise has been so reduced that passengers can talk to each other in the saloons, even when flying at high speed, without there being any need to raise the voice.

Fleet of 41 Planes.

In operation, or construction, Imperial Airways now have a fleet of 41 aircraft, totalling 58,000 horse-power. Four years ago, in 1927, the total air-fleet of the Company comprised 20 aircraft, totalling a horse-power of 18,000.

The new machines now in process of construction are eight 4-engined monoplanes designed for operation on the African air route between Cairo and Capetown.

When these new monoplanes come into service, the Imperial Airways' fleet will include 10 4-engined aircraft and 17 machines driven by three engines; whereas in 1928, so far as multi-engined aircraft were concerned, the Company had only 3 twin-engined machines.

The large multi-engined aircraft now employed by Imperial Airways not only provide greater reliability, load capacity, and comfort for passengers, but also operate at lower costs per ton mile than any previous machines flown by the Company.

DEFENCE AGAINST AIRCRAFT.

VALUE OF MARVELLOUS
NEW SEARCHLIGHT.

PLANES ACCURATELY
LOCATED AT 16,000 FT.

The most remarkable searchlight which has emerged since the War promises to reduce the advantage which the raider in air warfare has hitherto had. Anti-aircraft armament has been improved, fighter performance has advanced greatly, but the location of enemy machines at night has remained most difficult by ordinary methods. The conventional searchlight has two main disadvantages—a diffusion of light because its beam is cone-shaped, and a small area of effectiveness even at great range. Diffusion could be prevented by making the walls of the beam parallel, but such a beam, to be of any use, would have to be projected by an enormous searchlight. The solution of the problem, discovered by a body of men who were not concerned in the first place with anti-aircraft defence, is a composite beam made up of many small beams, each of which has parallel walls.

RANGE-FINDING.

This proved to be not merely a solution of the problem of preventing diffusion and to increasing the area of effectiveness but also of the still more important question of fixing the position and direction of the raider when caught in the light. The anti-aircraft battery of to-day is equipped with good range-finders, and its electrical control allows of rapid operation, but the target must be held by the light for a reasonable length of time. The new searchlight, produced by Major Jack Savage and his sky-writing staff at Hendon, simplifies the process of range-finding, while at the same time it diminishes the raiding pilot's chance of escape from the beam. The beam is composite, and its composition permits it to assume many different forms. The 300 rays of which it is built may be worked into a great variety of patterns. The familiar conical beam may be simulated. A straight line of light may be stretched across the sky. There may be a series of circles, arcs, or squares. The most obvious application of the idea is to use squares to make a grid.

Artillery map squares on the ground may now have their counterparts in the sky with important results. Set a grid of 16 squares in the sky, and the aeroplane which comes within the meshes of this net is puzzled, in the first place, as to which way to turn to avoid the next line of light, and, in the second place, it automatically gives to the ground defences all the information they need for working out its height, speed, and direction when it has crossed two of the lines. These particulars may be rapidly translated into terms of artillery fire. The efficiency of the new searchlight in this respect has been demonstrated recently to representatives of the War Office. Fighter aircraft, which offered a smaller target than the night bomber, were used for the tests, and were plotted with the utmost ease. Not only were they plotted quickly when found but, in conjunction with sound locators, they were found much more quickly than they could otherwise have been.

RAPID LOCATION.

The reason for this more rapid location is the wider area covered by the grid beam. The sound locators are capable of fixing the position of a raider within an arc subtending an angle of 6 deg. from the listening post. The grid beam subtends an angle of 30 deg. along any one of its sides and 28 deg. along a diagonal. To lay the beam, therefore, on the line indicated by the sound locator is, in most cases, to strike the target so that within a very short space the aeroplane crosses one of the grid lines, flash-

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LUNCHING UP IN THE AIR.

POPULARITY OF IMPERIAL
AIRWAYS LUNCHEONS.

Figures now available show that there has been an increase, recently, of nearly 100 per cent in respect of meals and refreshments served up in the air, in Imperial Airways' machines, while flying between London and the Continent.

"An explanation of this growth in aerial catering," said an official of the Company, "is to be found in the size and luxury of our new 4-engined air-liners. In these machines the saloons are as large, and as sumptuously equipped, as those of modern railway Pullman-cars. The result is that passengers now regard an air journey as a normal means of travel, and embark upon it just as on any similar trip by surface transport. In fact our big machines fly so smoothly, and with an absence of noise, that people eat, drink, talk, read, or play cards while up in the air exactly as they would in any de-luxe train or boat."

Four Course Luncheon.

"In our 38-passenger machines on the London-Paris route two uniformed stewards now fly regularly, and, in addition to the usual light refreshments, they serve a four-course luncheon while these machines are in flight on the mid-day service between the two capitals. A typical menu for one of these mid-air luncheons, which are now becoming so popular, is as follows:—

Hors d'oeuvres
or
Consomme en tasse,
Cold buffet,
Salad,
Cheese and Biscuits,
Fruit,
Coffee.

"The catering facilities we now provide in these big air-liners are, we find, appreciated especially by business men, more of whom, every day, are now making a regular use of the airway when on urgent journeys."

ing into it from the darkness like a spark, and is soon across another. Actual experimental work was done in one hour at Biggin Hill recently, with the help of the new searchlight, which would ordinarily have had to be spread over three months.

Within certain very wide limits there is a great choice of patterns which the anti-aircraft defences may use, and there is very little difficulty in providing the different patterns. A new pattern may be prepared in an hour and a half. Two different patterns are normally carried in the searchlight drum, and the change over from one to the other takes only four seconds. The light is self-contained and mobile, and may be controlled from a remote point by means of an ingenious four-way switch. It is set on a petrol-electric lorry which generates the power for it and also acts as transport. The drum in which the light is fixed may be traversed throughout the complete circle, and may be elevated or depressed from horizon to zenith. All these operations are electrically controlled, and may be performed at fast or slow speed.

This is a searchlight in which optical principles have been applied to excellent advantage. Very little power is lost to the transmission system, which is the secret of the beam. The light available is 5,000,000,000 candle power, and the loss in the process of transmission does not exceed 1 per cent. With the aid of this searchlight fighters have been picked up and plotted at a height of 16,000 ft. The modern bomber has a higher service ceiling than that, but it is clear that its chances of successful work are greatly lessened if it is forced up to such heights. No more has been made by the War Office to adopt the searchlight for the air defences of London, nor has the apparatus been sold to any other Power, though the skywriting rights for Germany have been disposed of.

18 HOURS ADRIFT IN A GALE.

LIFEBOAT MISSED BY
100 YARDS.

PETROL S.O.S.

After a terrible allnight ordeal in a disabled motor-boat during a gale off the Pembrokeshire coast, two men landed safely in St. Bride's Bay.

They had had an 18-hour battle with the gale. The two men were Major Walter Sturt, of Skomer Island, and John Edwards, a fisherman.

Major Sturt and his wife are the only residents in Skomer Island, which is two miles off the West Coast of Pembrokeshire at the south end of St. Bride's Bay. The Major set out to return to his island home about three o'clock on Monday afternoon in a motor-boat, with Edwards as his sole companion.

When about half-way across Jack Sound the motor in the boat failed and the two men had then to revert to sail and oars.

In the gale and the heavy seas their little craft was soon driven out to sea.

Their plight was seen from the headland, and the St. Davids lifeboat went out. For several hours the lifeboat searched, while all through the night willing watchers kept vigil along the coastline.

The two men in the boat never despaired. At last they got to the leeward of some rocks.

S.O.S. Signal.

A sail was rigged up, but the wind tore it to ribbons. An old canvas was lighted with petrol to act as a distress signal, but this was soon burnt out.

Throughout the night the two men rowed backwards and forwards in the shelter of the rocks.

At break of day, deciding to make for land, they rowed about for some time in the mist and rain.

Then from the shore they were discovered off Little Haven, a small village in St. Bride's Bay, and the boat was attached to moorings.

Major Sturt mentioned that the St. Davids lifeboat passed within a hundred yards of them, but they failed to attract the attention of the crew.

During the night, he said, he and Edwards lighted matches and tried in other ways to give signals, but with no success.

Throughout the night Mrs. Sturt, alone on Skomer Island, awaited the return of her husband. There is no communication between the mainland and the island, and she would be without news of her husband's safety till a boat went across.

and Impudent Barney, who won several steeplechases in his own country last year. Major F. W. Barrett's stable has four entries, including Annadale, who was third to Grakle and Gregalach last year, and The Ace II, a noted performer in his day in France. His owner, the Marquis de San Miguel, is also represented by Gale Book, who could not run in the race last year owing to an untimely mislay.

On the whole there are fewer bad horses in the entry than usual, though such selling platers as Redlynch and Hazewood have been nominated presumably in the hope that something will turn up to their advantage. An effort is to be made to get Richmond II, who has been more or less unsound since he finished third, three years ago, to the post this time, but Ballasport, as foreshadowed by his owner, does not appear among the entries. It is interesting to observe that the Liverpool Hurdle Race has secured only one entry less than the Grand National.

GRAND NATIONAL.

SURPRISINGLY SMALL
ENTRY.

IS THERE A DEARTH OF
JUMPERS?

Every prediction as to the number of entries in the Grand National is falsified. It was generally expected that the entry would at least be as large as last year, when eighty-five jumpers were nominated. There were even fears that the field would be unduly big this year owing to the threatened influence of the Irish Sweepstake on the race. It is now certain that the turnout on March 18 will certainly not be above the average of recent seasons and a long way below the phenomenal field of 1929, which numbered sixty-six.

Mr. E. A. C. Topham has received only fifty-eight entries for the big steeplechase this time, a total considerably smaller than had been looked for. The cost of entering a horse for the Grand National is £10. If he is left in after the forfeit stage on March 8, a further liability of £5 will be incurred, and there is an additional £40 for starters.

Thus the total amount involved for a runner in the race is £100. The Liverpool Race Club gives £3,000 to the stake, which makes it a long way the most valuable of all steeplechases in this country. The unexpected shortage of entries this year will have the natural effect of reducing the value of the race to the winner. Last year the owner of Grakle received £9,385. This time the winner will not get more than £3,000. There will be £500 for the second, £300 for the third, and £200 for the fourth.

Reasons for Decline.

I ascribe the smallness of the entry mainly to fact that there is a dearth just now of horses of the real Grand National type. The new condition which came into force last season and have been tightened up to some extent this year must also have had the effect of keeping a certain number of horses out of the entry.

Three previous winners, Grakle, Shaun Gollin, and Gregalach, can try conclusions again over the Liverpool country. The youngest of the entries is Colonel Foljambe's Inverse, who is the only 6-year-old. An interesting competitor will be Captain R. E. Sassoon's West Indies, who, except for one mistake early in the race, jumped these big fences in remarkably fine style when winning the Valentine Steeplechase with her owner up in November. Captain Sassoon is also represented in the entry by Smoky Moke.

As I was able to announce on Monday the doubt as to the qualifications of the American horse, Sea Soldier, have been satisfactorily settled, and he is entered in the name of Mr. A. H. Niblack, who is one of a syndicate of ten in the ownership of the horse.

American Owners.

Among other American owners, Mr. J. H. Whitney has Sir Lindsay and Dusty Foot. Mr. K. Mellon has Glancesia (who has lately been in the United States) and Alike. Mrs. C. S. Bird Jun., an American sportswoman well known in the Irish hunting field, is represented by Heartbreak Hill, the winner of Grand Soflon.

Other Irish entries include Cold Punch, who showed up fairly well at the Liverpool Autumn meeting. (Continued on previous column.)

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Queen's.
"The Squaw Man."
With Warner Baxter.

King's.
"Always Goodbye."
With Elissa Landi.

Central.
"Waterloo Bridge."

World.
"Girls Not Wanted."
Chinese film.

KOWLOON.

Star.
"Bridge of San Luis Ray."

COMING.

Queen's.
"This Modern Age."
With Joan Crawford.

King's.
"The Yellow Ticket."
"One Heavenly Night."
"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Central.
"The Command Performance."
"The Age for Love."
"A Woman of Experience."

World.
"The Sea Lion."
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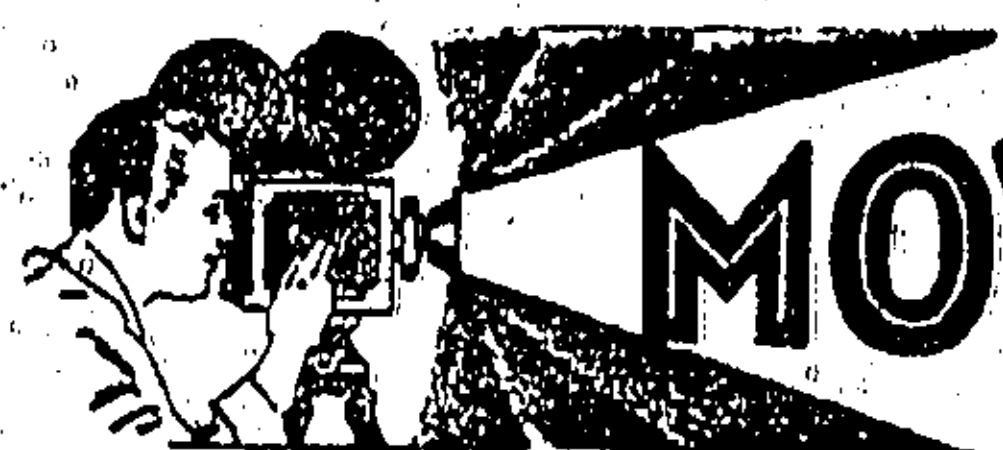
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MOVIE NEWS

On the Screen in Hong Kong.

"ALWAYS
GOODBYE."

ELISSA LANDI'S BIG
SUCCESS.

The road to stardom in motion pictures is a long and weary one and it takes years for the fortunate few ever to reach the top. Yet as all traditions are smashed, so was this one, and the actress who accomplished the seemingly impossible was Elissa Landi, the scintillating English actress who is star-favourably received by critics and

public alike, that studio executives threw precedent to the four winds and starred her in "Always Goodbye," her second picture.

In "Always Goodbye" Miss Landi impersonates Lila Banning, who has set the pace for Mayfair society at the coast of her small fortune. Bankrupt, she realizes that she has been leading a life far above her means yet she dreads the thought of sinking down to middle class life. Her tempestuous, fiery nature then leads her into a series of adventures which soon enmesh her in a network of mystery and, suspected, crime. How she finally clears her name of all sus-

"WATERLOO
BRIDGE."

KENT DOUGLASS FILM AT
CENTRAL THEATRE.

Kent Douglas, featured player of Universal's "Waterloo Bridge" at the Central, is Hollywood's most "different" star.

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MAE CLARK and KENT DOUGLASS "WATERLOO BRIDGE"

with his family very nearly since he can remember. The luxurious apartments, the elaborate parties and other Hollywood trimmings that usually characterize the movie star have never entered into Kent's existence.

He left Los Angeles in his high

from the rest of the world. He still has the same dogs, or their heirs, that he had when he was a child. He still has the same library of his favourite books, greatly enhanced, of course.

Wicked Hollywood? He never heard of it!

"DOCTORS' WIVES."

ORIGINAL STORY COMING
TO KING'S THEATRE.

In choosing "Doctors' Wives" as the most suitable material for Warner Baxter's latest screen offering, coming next Sunday to the King's Theatre, Fox selected an unusual dramatic theme played against a background never before featured on the screen.

While many novels, plays and screen dramas have featured the services of doctors, none have brought realistically the hopes, ambitions, conflicts and inner doubts of their wives to attention. Consequently, when Henry and Sylvia Lieferant's novel was suggested to the Fox script department, it was recognized as a most powerful subject for screen entertainment.

"No sooner had I read the script," Frank Borzage, the director, declared, "than I knew here

was a story rich and compelling in human interest, and one element necessary for all great screen drama. Warner Baxter was chosen to portray Dr. Penning, the successful and ambitious surgeon of the story; but who is cast for the young idealistic, pretty, suspicious, emotional doctor's wife presented a more difficult problem.

Only after innumerable tests of every available actress was Joan Bennett finally chosen for the coveted role of Nina Wyndram, a doctor's daughter who marries a doctor to become one with a legion of women condemned to obscurity under the title of doctors' wives.

The story revolves about their tempestuous romance and marriage which goes on the rocks when the young doctor's wife falls prey to the suspicious woman in her mind by her mother who insists that women patients make love to her husband. She is finally made to understand that her suspicions are entirely unfounded on fact, and that a doctor's duty to humanity is justly greater than his own personal life.

"THE SQUAW MAN."

CECIL B. DE MILLE THRILLER OF ENGLAND AND ARIZONA.

"The Squaw Man," Cecil B. De Mille's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talkie thriller of England and Arizona, will be offered at the Queen's Theatre for final showings to-day by an extraordinarily fine film cast.

Not one or two but ten outstanding players portray the various roles of the famous Edwin Milton Royle stage success.

The careers of these players taken collectively make a very interesting tabloid history of the motion picture industry.

Warner Baxter, playing the featured male rôle of Jim Carson, was just an ordinarily successful player until talkies came in, when "In Old Arizona" made him a star overnight.

Olimpia Ladder.

Lupe Velez, appearing as the pathetic Indian girl, Natashah, represents that small group of foreign players, who by virtue of extraordinary creative ability, have forced themselves upward to the very topmost rungs of the cinematic ladder. Cecil B. De Mille says of the work of Miss Velez in "The Squaw Man": "She gave me the greatest emotional response I have had in a picture since the days of Gloria Swanson."

Eleanor Boardman, who plays Lady Diana, got her chance with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Company when after a competition, she was selected as the Eastman Kodak girl.

Charles Bickford, who plays the most popular "he-man" on the screen, Roland Young and Paul Cavanagh are two clever young English stage actors whom talkies brought to the films.

Old Time Star.

J. Farrell McDonald, playing Big Bill, the ranch foreman, was a member of the famous old Biograph Company which produced David Wark Griffith, Mary Pickford and a score of other stars.

Mitchell Lewis and Harry Northrup are two particularly interesting members of the cast of the talking version of "The Squaw Man," because in 1905 at Wallack's Theatre, they played in the original stage version in which William Faversham played the star rôle.

"The Squaw Man" was adapted for talking picture purposes by Elsie Janis.

Extraordinary photography by Hal Rosson is a feature of the film. Scenic effects range from a striking fox hunt in England to rugged peaks and desert landscape in the "Bad Lands" of Arizona.

"THIS MODERN
AGE."

STORY OF PARIS, COMING
TO QUEEN'S.

A highly sophisticated story of Paris is told in "This Modern Age," which brings Joan Crawford to the Queen's Theatre.

Miss Crawford plays the rôle of a young woman who has not seen her divorced mother since childhood. They are reunited and react more like friends than mother and daughter, for the ultra-modern parent does the same things her daughter does. When her daughter finally falls in love with the son of conservative Boston aristocrats, it is this ultra freedom of her mother's that breaks up the romance. The lover doesn't want a girl whose mother "runs around." A series of exciting events lead up to the denouement, which is capped with a surprise climax.

The picture, which was adapted from Mildred Cram's novel, "Girls Together," gives Miss Crawford opportunities in the "whoopie" type of part with which she has been so successful in the past, although the story obviously has its serious moments.

Pauline Frederick, as the mother, is also given a chance for clever acting and the cast also includes Neil Hamilton, who scored with Norma Shearer in "Strangers May Kiss"; Monroe Owsley, recently seen opposite Gloria Swanson in "Indiscreet"; Robert Bosworth; Emma Dunn; Albert Conti; Adrienne D'Ambricourt; and Martelle Corday, Nicholas Grando directed.

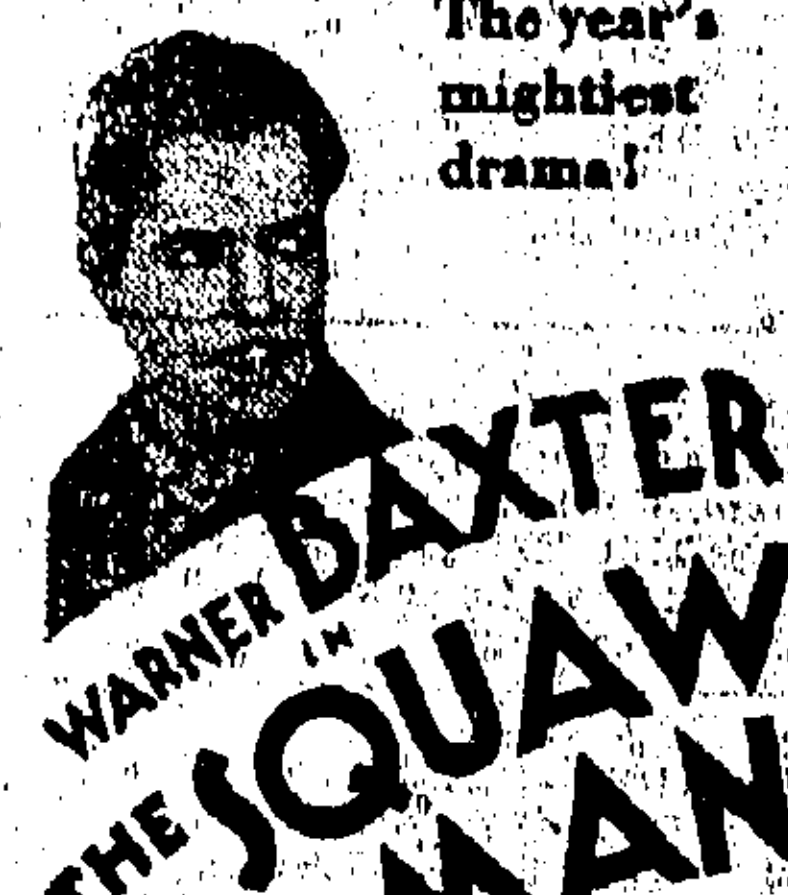
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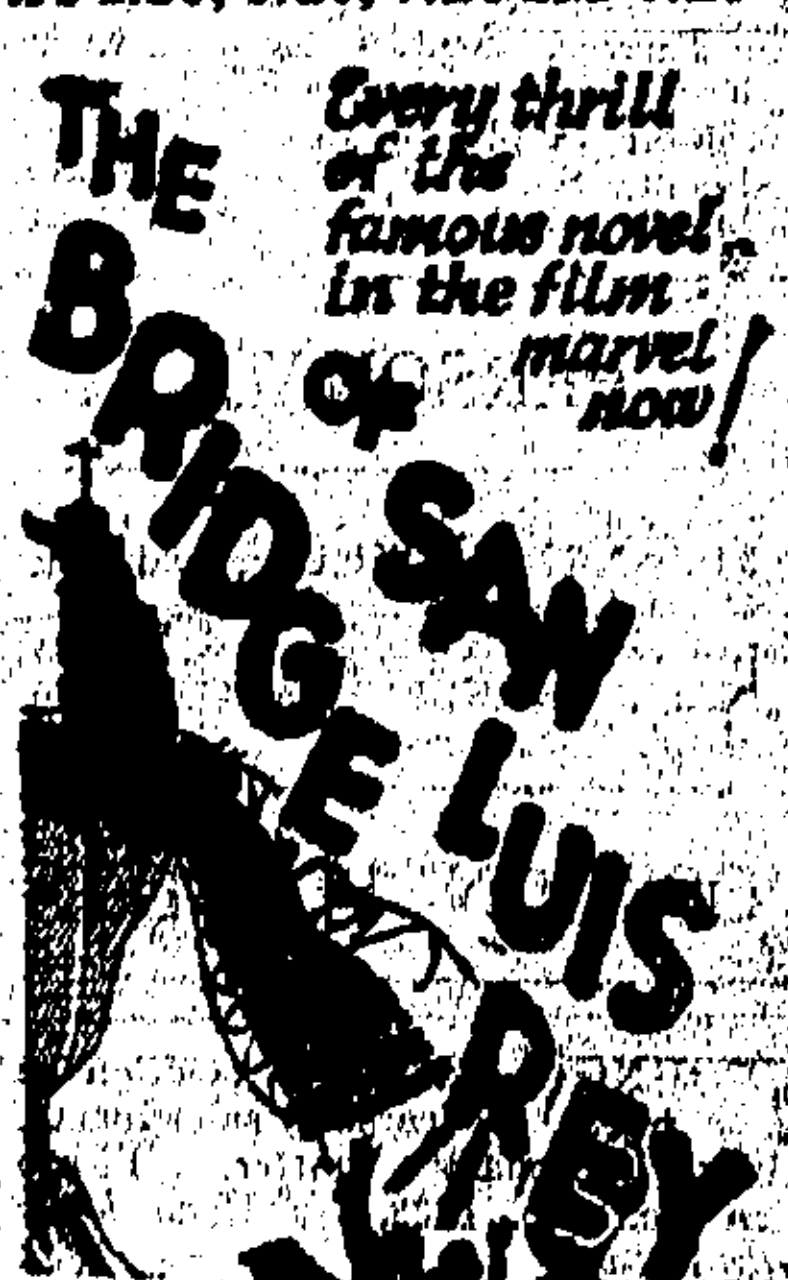
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GRIM NEW YEAR PARTY.

THOUSAND WOULD-BE
SUICIDES.

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Vienna, Jan. 1.—An unusual and pathetic New Year party was given this evening, when over a thousand prospective suicides were entertained by the "Beratungsstelle fuer Lebensmuede" ("Advisory Centre for Intending Suicides").

This voluntary organisation was established three years ago on account of the increasing number of suicides due to Austria's economic distress. It urges all intending suicides, when every desire to live has been abandoned, to visit the advisory centre under absolute guarantee of secrecy, even in regard to police non-interference in their final decision, if this is still for suicide.

The centre invites them to tell their troubles and discuss whether it is not possible to continue to live. During its existence the society has saved 70 per cent. of the consultants. Most of the remainder persisted in committing suicide.

Humorous Diversions.

This evening the guests, including men, women, youths, and girls, who intend to end their lives, accepted the Advisory Centre's invitation to end at least the Old Year in the society of their fellow-beings.

Prominent Viennese artists, mostly humorous, sought to drive away desperate thoughts and memories for a few hours as the Old Year died.

This pathetic crowd, hovering on the brink of self-inflicted death, managed to laugh a little, discuss one another's tragedies, and consume refreshments. Among them, although most were penniless, were a number of well-to-do young people about to terminate their lives owing to love tragedies. Starving mothers brought gaunt-eyed skeleton babies in their arms whom they intend taking with them into the next world, but gratefully enjoyed what was perhaps their last meal not only in this but in any year.

"It is in the mutual comparison of troubles that our clients profit most," the secretary said. "So many find that their own fate, which is apparently unbearable, is yet better than those of other of life's fetsam and jettam whom they meet here."

MOTOR DRIVER

CENSURED.

HIS SECOND FATAL
ACCIDENT.

"A LUCKY MAN TO GET
AWAY WITH IT."

Dr. W. H. Whitehouse, the Coroner, severely censured Cornelius Francis Ryan, of Herbert House, Oaklands-road, Bexley Heath, at an inquest at Greenwich on Morris Frosh, aged 34, a wholesale tobacco merchant and confectioner, of Eglinton-road, Plumstead, who was knocked down by a motor-car driven by Ryan. The van was constructed in the form of a cottage for advertising purposes.

When the inquest was opened on Tuesday, a police-constable said that the car was travelling at a speed of between 40 and 45 miles an hour.

Ryan yesterday stated that the first he heard of the accident was when he was stopped by a police-constable. He could have knocked down a man without having known it, because of the way the van was built.

Divisional Detective Inspector Cory said that at Woolwich Police Court a charge of wanton or furious driving and causing bodily harm to Mr. Frosh preferred against Ryan was not proceeded with but he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving in a manner dangerous to the public, and was fined £10 with ten guineas costs, and his licence was suspended for twelve months.

After the jury had returned a verdict of accidental death and expressed the view that Ryan should be censured for careless driving, Dr. Whitehouse turned to him, and

(Continued on next Column.)

WONDERFUL NEW BULLET.

SWEEPING CLAIMS FOR A
GERMAN INVENTION.

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ITS TARGET.

Has Germany produced an invention that will revolutionise war?

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Hitherto such increases have been by fifty or a hundred feet per second. The new Halger-Ultra bullet has carried this process forward by thousands—up to 3,800 ft. per second. This more than doubles the velocity attained until now.

Smashing Through Armour.

The development is due to Herr Gerlich, an engineer of Kiel, who has carried out tests and demonstrations at the German testing station for small arms at Berlin-Wannsee. Here photographic records were made of its penetrative power against armour-plate. Fired at fifty yards' range the bullets penetrated on an average five-eighths of an inch deep into thick armour-plates.

Then it was tried against compound chrome-nickel armour plate half an inch thick, which was used for testing steel-core armour-piercing bullets. Here it smashed right through the plate, leaving a circular hole about twice the diameter of the bullet itself—which was only of .280 calibre.

The Halger-Ultra bullet has a soft lead core, with a thin and soft jacket of iron. In penetrating the armour plate, the soft material of the bullet becomes pulverised and vapourised, "blasting" out the material of the armour-plate which it is penetrating.

Another significant feature is its streamline, or boat-tail, shape. Beyond its velocity, its accuracy is claimed to surpass by far any standard that has yet been reached by military or sporting rifles.

Menace to Battleships.

But before its practical value for general military purposes can be established, the question of its force of recoil and of the erosion of the barrel must be cleared up—more definitely than Herr Gerlich seems to have done yet.

Nevertheless, its potentialities are too great to be ignored. And they do not end with their effect on small arms or in land warfare. For the inventor has significantly hinted at the application of his discovery to field artillery and to naval guns. Such claims, if practically justified, have certainly a far-reaching implication. Not only tanks and fortresses, but battleships, would then be confronted with this new menace.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
REVIEW.

ST. JOHN'S REVIEW: FEBRUARY NUMBER.

The editor of a parochial magazine may be likened to a tight-rope walker. Seizing in one hand a bundle of domestic news he starts to tread the narrow wire of public opinion, using as a balance in his other hand two or three chunks of world topics.

The February number of the St. John's Review again successfully continues to make enough reference to local affairs while still having room for matters of general interest. Amongst the latter is an informative and readable article on English Architecture of the Present Day. More space than usual is occupied with Cathedral doings, but this is all to the good; for it will enable a larger public to read the Dean's address at the Annual Church Meeting, and to learn the financial position of the Cathedral. Many who may have thought that St. John's was a rich Government maintained foundation will be surprised to learn that the Finance Committee have this year budgeted for \$38,250 from the goodwill scheme and offertories—in other words voluntary gifts.

The Editor is fortunate in his child writers, for recently in the children's part of the Review was printed a delightful poem by a 12-year-old girl, and now there is a short story by a boy of 13, which for the unexpectedness of its delectation, deserves great praise.

In conclusion attention is drawn to the excellence of the illustrations and the general pleasantness of the Review.

MAN WHO CONQUERED RABIES.

"The Genius of Louis Pasteur."
By Piers Compton. Ouseley.
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Louis Pasteur was born at Dole, France, in 1822, in humble circumstances. From his father, who had fought as a private soldier in Napoleon's armies, he inherited a painstaking integrity and a mental doggedness that admirably equipped him for the baffling pursuits of science. After an education achieved by much parental sacrifice, Pasteur held various academic posts, and in 1857 became Director of Scientific Studies at the Ecole Normale Paris, with which he remained actively connected until his death in 1895.

Surgery Before Lister.

Pasteur's discovery that fermentations and putrefactions of wounds were caused by germs directly inspired Lister to introduce antiseptic method into surgery and, as Mr. Compton says, "opened a door of deliverance to humanity from one of its greatest terrors." His further discovery that diseases were caused by germs led to the birth of a new science, bacteriology, and changed disease from an inscrutable mystery into a laboratory problem.

Experiment With a Dog.

In his treatment of the disease known in the dog as rabies, and in man as hydrophobia, Pasteur earned the gratitude of the whole world. Previously, human victims of this horrible malady were shot, poisoned, or strangled, and as late as 1819 one unfortunate was smothered between mattresses.

In studying the problem of rabies Pasteur found it necessary to obtain a sample of saliva from a large rabid bull-dog, foaming at the mouth in a state of fury. The dog, writes Mr. Compton, "was secured by ropes and extended upon a table, and Pasteur, taking a glass tube, bent down to within reach of the raging mouth and sucked into the tube some drops of the saliva." "The battlefields of science," he adds, "have their supreme moments."

Pasteur solved the rabies problem. In ten years 16,645 patients were treated, and only 90 died—a mortality of less than 1 in 200. Previously the majority had died—horribly.

Mr. Compton has written an excellent popular biography of one who is still honoured in his own country as the greatest of Frenchmen, whose life was filled with dramatic incident, and whose revolutionary methods for the treatment of disease were opposed by every sublimely petty prejudice that the human spirit is capable of.

CLEMENCEAU'S CHICKEN.

"Paris Calling." By Harry Greenwall. Hurst and Blackett. 18s.

Mr. Greenwall gossips attractively about a Paris that he has known for 23 years. His book is packed with interesting stories and comments on almost every conceivable matter from snails to statesmen.

Naturally Mr. Greenwall enjoys correcting the illusions of the ordinary foreigner about Paris. As regards snails, for example, he contends that there are probably more snails eaten in Soho in a week than are eaten in Paris in a month—surely a statement that is open to question. An even more heretical statement, though one that the present reviewer agrees with, is the statement that French coffee is by no means the perfect thing enthusiasts have idealised. He admits that sometimes black coffee is better in France than in England, but he contends that England is the best country in the world for *café au lait*.

Sarah Bernhardt's Sacrifice.

His book, however, is concerned not only with the everyday life of Paris but with its great personalities. He tells us of Sarah Bernhardt and of the son who bled her of every penny she earned so that, even after she had one of her legs amputated, she was compelled to return to the stage to support him.

He tells us, again, of Clemenceau that, at the time when he was writing his autobiography, he was so hard up that he had to sell three sporting rifles in order to get a little money. On learning that he was to be paid £15,000 for the world rights of his book, he asked Mr. Greenwall: "How much does that make in francs?" and, on hearing the imposing amount, exclaimed joyfully: "Now I shall be able to eat chicken."

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Since the American author's object is to show that the Bible is great literature, and in particular "to show the unique and sovereign greatness of our Standard English Version," it is unfortunate that for so many of his illustrations he should have selected debased versions of familiar passages. "Be not anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself," is both ugly and weak by comparison with the majestic imperative of the Authorised Version—"Take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself"; while "The foxes have holes and the birds of the heavens have nests" is just one of those modern variants that destroy the cadence without making clearer the sense. "The birds of the air" will stand against all innovators.

In spite of such curious lapses as these, the book contains much sound judgment and a lively appreciation of the literary beauty of the Bible. Comparisons with Homer, Dante and Shakespeare serve to emphasise the supreme quality of the Bible; but the American spelling of the selected passages may confuse English readers. Nothing is more strange than Shakespeare in *As You Like It*.

ESCAPADES ABROAD.

"The Other Passport." By Harold Macgrath. John Long. 7s. 6d.

Giacomo was serving in a hotel in Italy. Sally was singing in Paris. Giacomo was wanted by the police; Sally by her prospective husband. Giacomo became chauffeur, and the pair fled together. Police and fiancé set out in hot pursuit. . . . but the most sympathetic reader may follow their adventures unperturbed. For Giacomo's father was a millionaire, and Sally the idol of Paris. And Mr. Macgrath finishes this account of their escapades with a gaily happy ending.

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"Guests of Summer." By Paul Fulcher, Selwyn and Blount. 7s. 6d.

Most of the characters in this and is born under the shadow of summer, for they live in an atmosphere of mental winter. The hero possesses inflexible grandparents and is born under the shadow of illegitimacy. He renounces love, goes to France to fight, and meets his true mate. But so dense is this young American that it takes him seven years to find out where his true happiness lies. We only hope that he finds as much happiness as did Jacob at the end of an equally trying period.

AMERICAN JOURNALISM.

"Hot News." By Emile Gauvreau. John Long & Co. 7s. 6d.

If this book is mere fiction it is a remarkably well-told story. If, on the other hand, it is a record of fact, cast in the shape of a novel, it is the most damning indictment of American "Tabloid" journalism that has yet seen the light of day.

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LADY HOUSTON'S PATRIOTISM.

"TO PAY INCOME TAX
ALTHOUGH DOMICILED
IN JERSEY."

Lady Houston, although domiciled in Jersey, has, for patriotic reasons, decided to pay income tax this year in consideration of the nation's need. The matter is now in the hands of her lawyers, who are working out the details of the sum to be paid.

There has been no demand for the payment of the tax. Lady Houston merely considers that the present

financial position of the country is such that she should contribute to the Exchequer in respect of her income.

It may be recalled that Lady Houston on her husband's death paid in 1928 £1,000,000 in death duties, as an act of grace without admitting any liability on her part. Last year she guaranteed £100,000 to defray the cost of Great Britain's defence of the Schneider Trophy.

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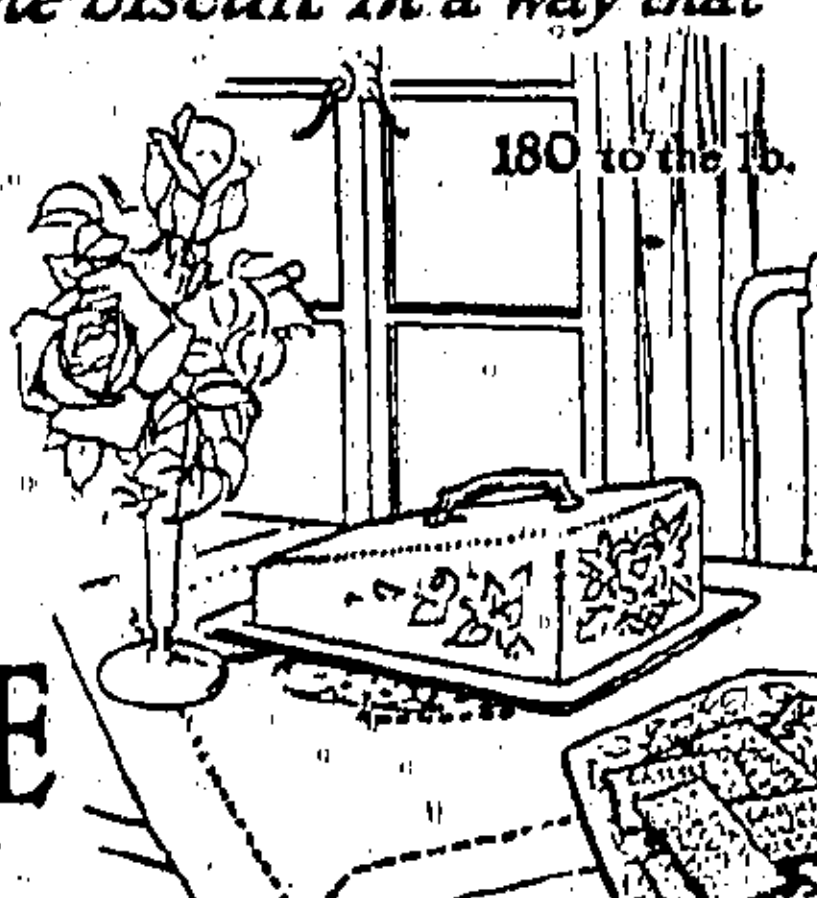
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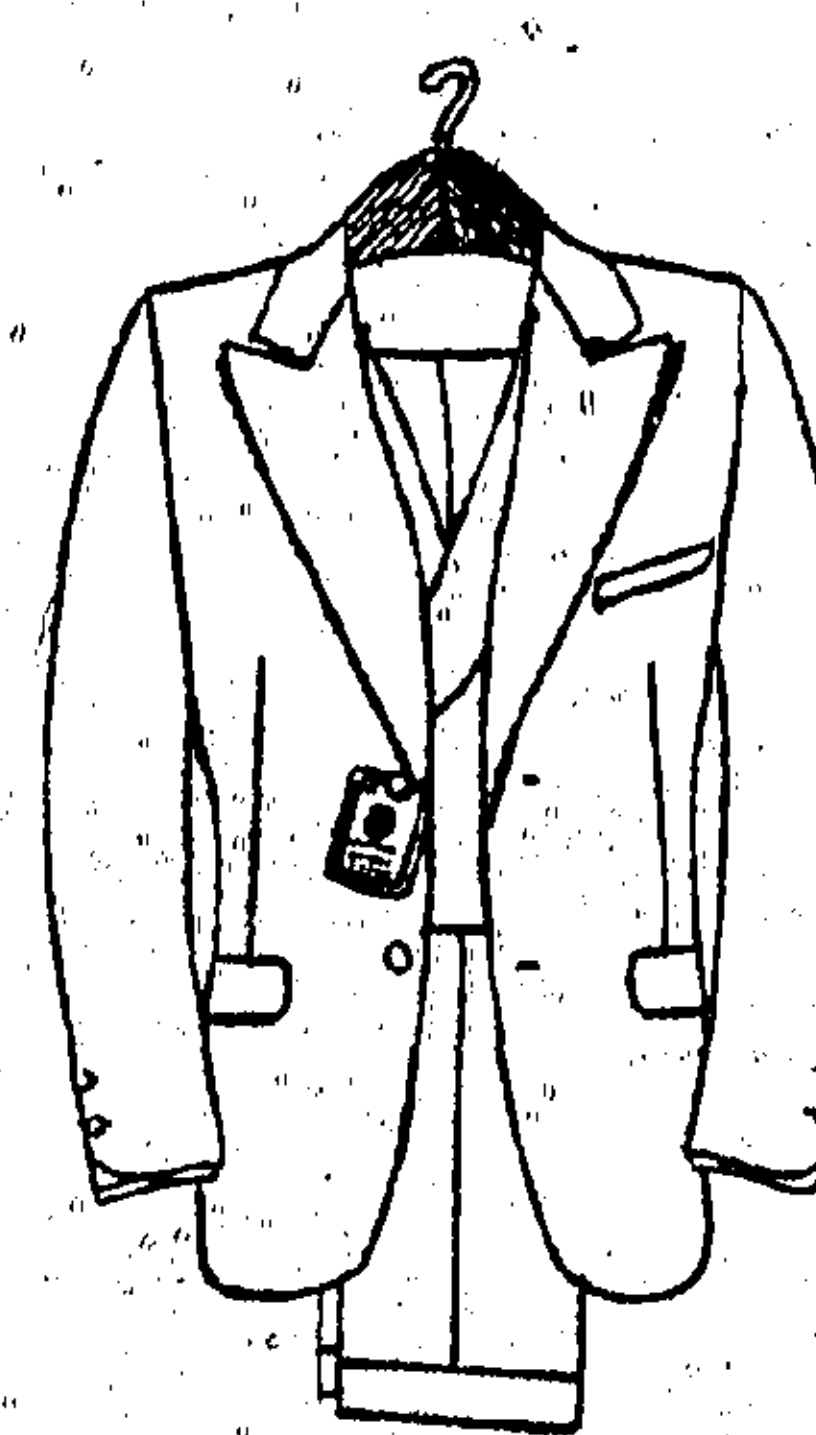
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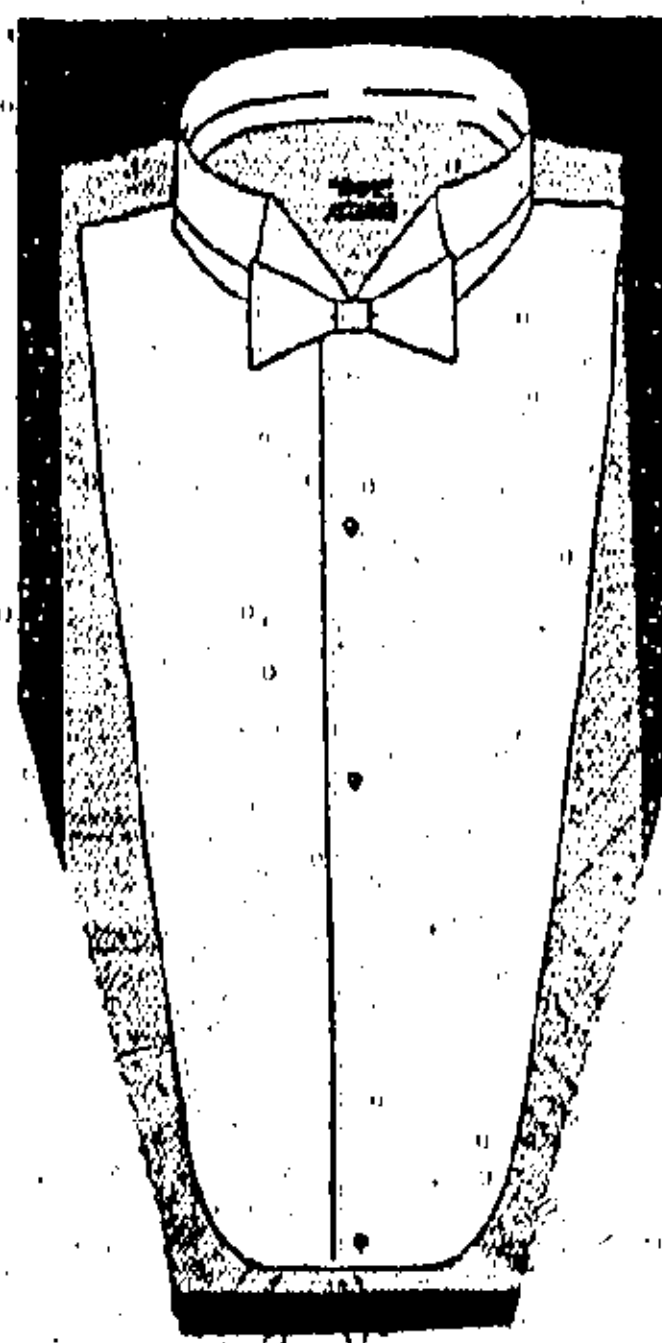
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AMERICA FACES THE SLUMP.

INTERESTING ADDRESS AT ROTARY CLUB MEETING.

FALL IN INVESTMENT STOCKS: SOME AMAZING FIGURES.

An interesting and instructive address on the economic conditions in the United States today was given by Mr. Harper Sibley at the Rotary Club yesterday.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton presided and there were several distinguished guests present. In addition to Mr. Sibley, there were present Rotarian H. M. Cavender of Manila, Rotarian Col. H. Cohen, past president of the Melbourne Club, Rotarian P. H. Stevenson from Peking, Rotarian A. A. Brown, President of the Drew University, New Jersey, Dr. C. P. Emerson, Dean of the Indiana University, Mr. W. C. Costin, Rhodes Scholar of St. John's College, Oxford, and Mr. A. McKirdy.

In introducing the speaker, the Chairman said that Mr. Sibley was interested in banking, mining and agriculture, was ex-President of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and was now a member of the Committee of the National Chamber of Commerce. He was the President of the Rochester "Y.M.C.A."

QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL DEBTS.

Mr. Sibley began by saying that the world economic crisis appeared to be particularly acute in the United States. He explained that he was a 100 per cent believer in industrialisation of a country and the increase of the machine productivity.

Describing the conditions in the United States, Mr. Sibley said that there had been a tremendous "jag" in the country which had been "intoxicated" during the past two or three years. "We have now found the headache which inevitably must come along."

One reason for the state of "intoxication" was that American business manufacturers and salesmen believed in the philosophy which taught that profits came from spending rather than from saving; that the way to lay up for the future was to spend freely because if everybody spent, it created business and the creation of business led to more business; going round in a circle until most people became prosperous.

Mr. Sibley said that the American people had not only got into the habit of spending their incomes, but through facilities afforded to them by the credit system, many of them had spent the following year's salary as well. By spending in this manner the population had created an artificial buying power.

Another reason for the improved business in those days was that the United States had made tremendous foreign loans all of which was to be spent in the United States, which again enlarged the buying power of the people. Through these various agencies business was stimulated beyond the normal income and it was felt that business was on the up-grade and was going to keep soaring indefinitely. More money was made than in normal years and the outcome of that was that stocks went up.

Investment Stocks.

The rise in stocks gave birth to a number of investment trusts. The investment trusts said that they could invest money far better than the average person, claiming to know more than they did. The result was that a great many people began to buy investment trust securities and they in turn went in for stocks and there was a tremendous increase in the country's purchasing power in stocks. The speaker gave an instance of the company in which he had an interest and said that for years the stock had been standing at \$800. They were hoping that one day it would touch \$1,000. During the boom a small parcel of 20 shares were sold and re-sold in the market and one day when he looked in the papers to see what their stock was quoted at, he found the amazing figure of \$4,500. On that basis the stock was earning about one per cent for the "intelligent" buyer. That was the situation in the stock market and it gave some idea of the ridiculous prices that were being paid.

After the boom there came the crash in 1929. "If we went up fast," said Mr. Sibley, "we came down a lot faster." It was amazing the way things had dropped in the United States. He did not think anyone who had not recently been there could realise how bad things really were. In Great Britain, said the speaker, the people were more used to depression. In the United States the depression following the boom was like a person who had been very well and vigorous being suddenly stricken down. "We have not got used to it," said the speaker, "and we are very much upset by it."

Slump Figures.

Giving figures to illustrate the drop in stocks since the crash, Mr. Sibley said that during the last two years the twenty best railroad

stocks had dropped 60 per cent; the twenty best Industrials had dropped 66 per cent; the 20 best Public Utilities (power and light companies) had dropped 78 per cent. At this rate, said the speaker, if one's money was invested in the best stocks in the country, one would lose no less than three quarters of one's capital.

Out of a total of 25,000 banks in the United States, some 2,000 banks had actually gone into the hands of the Receivers and their liabilities amounted to \$8,800,000,000. They were only able to pay eight cents on the dollar.

It was thought that the bottom had been touched by the year 1931, but in that year there were some additional drops. Last spring it appeared that the time was opportune to buy stocks; nevertheless it had proved to be anything but opportune. The speaker said that New York Central Railroad stocks which operated through a great series of industrial cities, had dropped from \$132 to \$25 a share. Another very big stock, U.S. Steel Corporation, dropped from \$152 to \$38 although the Corporation had assets which worked out at \$180 per share. Another leading railroad stock dropped from \$104 to \$15.

Mr. Sibley said that the situation was not without its humorous aspect. He instanced the case of a man worth about \$30,000,000 before the crash, who died on the eve of the fall in stock prices. Out of his estate he had to pay death duties to the extent of \$7,000,000. This payment was not due until about a year after the death and by that time the value of the stocks held by the estate had dropped so low, that the beneficiaries of an estate worth \$30,000,000 found themselves unable even to meet the death duties! The family was "wiped out."

Investors in American stocks have had to write off \$30,000,000,000 in two years. That simply "knocked over" the American people. The bond market went lower than it had ever done for the past twenty years.

President's Efforts.

As was to be expected when the crisis came, the people turned to the Government for help and President Hoover held a conference with some of the leading business men. The Government at first said there was no depression and that it was only a matter of a slump in the stock market. Six months later they said that the depression was almost over. Still six months later, they said that the worst was over and that the country ought to be able to show brighter colours in the near future. They kept on talking in that way until about six months ago they realised that the patient was very sick. Since then President Hoover had come forward with ten proposals, some of the more interesting of which were dealt with by the speaker.

The postponement of international debts, said Mr. Sibley, was one of the proposals. The idea had met with the approval of the business men and the newspapers of America.

Another remedy suggested by the Government of the United States was to raise funds to assist the various banks on which there was a ran. The Government Reconstruction Finance Corporation was formed whereby the bigger banks were enabled to help the smaller ones. The Corporation was formed to underwrite the solvency of thousands of American banks, most of which held securities which were at one time standing quite high, but which could not even meet the banks' liabilities today. In regard to these securities, it was explained that they were

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LACK OF EVIDENCE.

CREW OF O.S.K. LAUNCH DISCHARGED.

The four members of the O.S.K. launch, Tomijima Maru, who were charged before Mr. Fraser in connection with a haul of 1,462 tools of opium by officers of the Revenue Department, were discharged yesterday.

R. O. Humphreys, giving evidence, said he boarded the launch at about 2.30 p.m. on Sunday. The launch was tied up to the Praya wall between Queen's Pier and the Star Ferry Wharf. In the fore part, hidden in a cavity behind a mirror, which was screwed to the cabin wall, he found some flour bags and sacks containing brass tins, which, he discovered, held opium. The contraband was hidden in a cavity through which the anchor chain passed, and in his opinion, the chain could not be moved without interfering with the opium.

Mr. Lo submitted that the opium was discovered in a place to which every member of the crew had access. On this evidence, it was impossible to say that any one of the defendants was guilty of having put the opium there; certainly not the engineer, who would not normally go to that part of the launch. Mr. Lo pointed out that if the authorities found opium in the street, they could not arrest every man in the street on a charge of unlawful possession.

His Worship agreed that there was no case for the defendants to answer and accordingly ordered the defendants to be dismissed and the opium to be confiscated.

Railroad Stocks.

A third remedy suggested and introduced by the American Government was in connection with the railroad stocks. The best securities the more interesting of which were in America, it has been recognised for years past, were railroad stock and these securities were held by the leading insurance companies and banks. The railroads were state controlled, to the extent that their profits were kept at about five and a half per cent each year. Since the crash, however, business had fallen off and car earnings had gone down by about one-third. One great railway system, the Illinois Central, which had shown a profit of \$8,000,000 for 1930, showed a loss of \$4,500,000 for 1931, representing a difference of \$13,500,000 in a year. Not only were the railroad companies unable to pay dividends, but some of them were rapidly heading for the hands of the receivers. The Government Reconstruction Finance Corporation had arranged to pay interest on railroad stocks to assist stockholders to tide over the present period and to allay the fears of such stockholders. Steps had also been taken to permit the railroad companies to increase their rates to meet the emergency, and railroad employees, rather than face unemployment, had volunteered to accept ten per cent less of their salaries and wages.

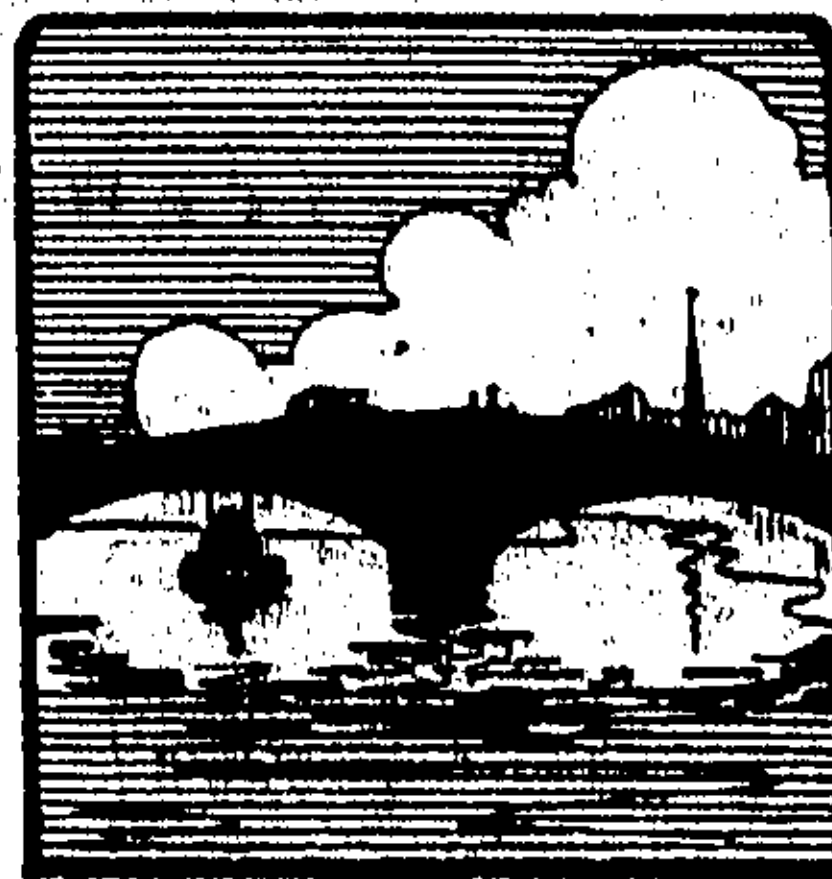
One feature of the depression, which was very encouraging, said Mr. Sibley, was that there was no blame going round. Capital was not blaming labour, nor did labour blame capital and no one blamed the Government, but the whole country was trying to solve the problem together, which was a hopeful sign.

Future of Industrial System.

Mr. Sibley concluded by saying that he was a thorough believer in the industrial system for relieving pressure on the land. Population grew daily but not the product of the corn land and it was inevitable that the people in the rural areas should find their way into factories. Properly handled, this was not such a difficult problem and he foresaw the day when the machine did all the work and man had much time for leisure. He felt sure that when that time came, man would learn to control his leisure.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy thanked the speaker for his instructive and witty speech.

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A PLEA FOR OLD HONG KONG

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS"]

Ava Mansion,
May Road,
Feb. 16, 1932.

Sir,—We should like to express our thanks to you for securing the admirable article in to-day's issue by Mr. Pynes on Historic Landmarks of Old Hong Kong. Compared to Macao or any European country, we have so little tradition and so few relics of our brief history that what we have is doubly precious, and there must be many other residents who agree with Mr. Pynes's sentiments both on this point and on the other matter he stresses, namely that where there are no beautiful buildings, at least there are some which have a certain dignity and grace that are well worth preservation amidst the waste of ugliness in the city and on the Peninsula.

May we make bold to suggest that a series of similar articles on the Colony and its past would probably be of great interest to many of your readers.—Yours etc.,

P. AND M. BARKER.

CHARGE AGAINST COXSAIN DISMISSED.

STEAM LAUNCH AND THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT.

Chan Hing, coxswain of the steam launch "Man Kuen," was charged before the Marine Magistrate yesterday with failing to carry the required number of life-belts on his launch. He was represented by Mr. F. H. Looby while Sergeant J. Foely prosecuted.

In outlining the case, the officer said that at 4 p.m. on February 10, in Kowloon Bay, he asked the coxswain for his certificate of survey and this was produced. It provided that the vessel should carry 75 life belts but upon examination he found that there were only 51 on board.

The Looby said he admitted all the facts as set out by the prosecution, but he submitted that the vessel carried a proportionate number of life-saving appliances. There were 51 life-belts, 54 life-buoys and two rafts, which made 77 appliances in all. His clients had complied with the advice obtained from the Harbour Master regarding the life-saving appliances on their vessel.

The Magistrate agreed with Mr. Looby on the point raised with regard to the regulations, and accordingly dismissed the case, but requested that the matter be referred to the Harbour Master.

FIRE ON SHIP.

DAMAGE DONE TO CARGO OF COAL.

Not a little excitement was caused in the harbour yesterday about 4.30 p.m. when it was found that a fire had broken out in the No. 4 hold of the s.s. "Templewood" which was lying at Buoy No. 96. The vessel had a large cargo of coal on board and it was thought that the outbreak was due to spontaneous combustion. Damage was done to some six hundred tons of coal which was in the hold at the time.

As soon as the fire was discovered the Fire Brigade was communicated with and two floats were dispatched to the scene. Despite the fact that each of the floats was working four "deliveries," it took an hour and twenty-five minutes to put out the flames.

was agreed to.

Extraordinary Meeting.

The extraordinary meeting was held immediately at the conclusion of the general meeting. Mr. Paterson said:—The explanation of the notice is that it is proposed to amend Article No. 95 (a) of the Articles of Association and increase the fees payable to your Directors from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per annum. This was proposed by one of our shareholders at the last annual meeting and to make his proposal effective it is necessary to amend the Articles. I now beg to propose the following resolution:—"That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—By deleting the figures \$10,000.00 in the third line of Article 95 (a) of the Company's Articles of Association and substituting therefor the figures \$15,000.00."

When this has been duly seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask. The resolution was seconded by Mr. J. M. Alves and carried unanimously.

APARTMENT FLATS IN TOWN.

UPPER FLOORS OF GLOUCESTER BUILDING.

ANNUAL MEETING OF LAND INVESTMENT CO.

"There have been various rumours, I understand, of our intentions with regard to the upper floors of Gloucester Building. In case there are still any doubts, I may say that it is proposed to run them on the lines of an apartment house," said the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, when he addressed shareholders at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., yesterday.

Those supporting the chairman were Messrs. T. E. Pearce, H. H. H. Priestley, Felix A. Joseph, A. H. Compston, A. H. White and Sir Robert Ho Tung (Chairman) and Mr. L. S. Greenhill (secretary) while shareholders present were Messrs. W. S. Bailey, H. R. Sturt, H. A. Rodgers, D. V. Stevenson, R. F. MacDougall, H. W. Dulley, J. H. Seth, F. M. Fernandez, Thomas D. Chantag, R. Griev, T. R. MacDonald, W. Brackenridge, E. M. Raymond, A. J. White, M. L. Raiton, A. H. Chambers, N. V. A. Croucher, A. C. Wilcox, H. S. Hills, E. Grant Smith, J. M. Alves, P. S. Cassidy, Yeung Yan, G. Puncheon, J. G. Allison, F. H. Crapnell, J. E. Wright jun., A. Nissim, O. F. Ribeiro, B. L. W. Dunnett, B. C. Randall, L. G. Fross and Fung Kong-un.

Addressing the gathering the Hon. Mr. Paterson said:—With your permission I propose to follow the usual procedure and take the report and statement of accounts as read. There are no great differences in the accounts as compared with the previous year which call for comment, except repairs, which show an increase of some \$24,000. These include our regular overhauls of buildings and such repairs as were required, an item which must necessarily tend to increase as our properties age. We also expended about \$24,000 on various special improvements to suit incoming tenants, give better lavatory accommodation, and modernise our buildings as far as possible.

Rents show a slight improvement, partly accounted for by our having let some of the shops in Gloucester Building during the last quarter. At the moment I am happy to say that, outside Gloucester Building, we have only one office vacant.

Interest on mortgages has declined as mortgages are paid off, but this is balanced by a more than corresponding saving on overdraft at the Bank.

There being no sales of property to record, the net balance of profit and loss account has decreased by about \$10,000.

Final Dividend Declared.
It is proposed to pay a final dividend of 25 per cent, absorbing \$598,803, and making with the interim dividend a total payment of 54 per cent for the year.

It is further proposed to pay a bonus to staff of \$10,000, appropriate \$40,024.47 to special repairs and renewals account and \$200,000 to our rebuilding reserve account. These leave the sum of \$678,702.00 to be carried forward to a new account.

The property market, which was somewhat dull most of the year, has recently received a fillip from two or three big sales which have taken place and there have been inquiries about other properties.

The New Building.
Gloucester Building is now nearing completion. The installation of the internal fittings in such a large building inevitably takes time and is liable to be attended by unforeseen delays. However it is hoped that the finishing touch will be completed by April.

There have been various rumours, I understand, of our intentions with regard to the upper floors. In case there are still any doubts, I may say that it is proposed to run them on the lines of an apartment house. There are numerous fully furnished single rooms, double-bedded rooms, and a number of two-roomed suites. There will be a restaurant and lounge on the top floor. The charges we propose are very reasonable and the rentals have a range which should suit every pocket.

Other Business.

Mr. Paterson's resolution for the adoption of the report and statement of accounts was seconded by Mr. E. M. Raymond and carried unanimously. The confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Felix A. Joseph as a director was proposed by Mr. H. R. Sturt, seconded by Mr. J. H. Seth.

On the proposal of Mr. W. S. Bailey, seconded by Mr. F. H. Crapnell, Messrs. A. H. White and H. H. Priestley were re-elected directors, and Mr. D. V. Stevenson moved and Mr. N. V. A. Croucher seconded that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linsell and Davies be re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$1,200 each a year. This (Continued on previous column.)

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

MRS. SOUTHERN'S STIRRING ADDRESS AT ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.

"INSTIL LOVE OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP INTO HEARTS OF THE YOUNG."

A stirring plea for the instilling into the hearts of the young the love of peace and friendship was made by Mrs. W. T. Southern at the Central British School prize giving yesterday afternoon. "At the moment we are all watching the deplorable happenings in Shanghai," said Mrs. Southern. "Once again the horrors of hatred and warfare are brought home to us, and we who passed through those awful years of the Great War feel with all our hearts that the love of peace and friendship should be planted in the hearts of all those who are young."

SUCCESSFUL YEAR REVIEWED.

The prize giving was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, a large number of pupils, parents and friends being present.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

In his report for the year, Mr. Nightingale said:—The number of days—208—on which the School was opened, was greater than that of previous years owing to the adoption of summer hours during the summer months. The maximum number on the roll was 269 (239 in 1930), the average attendance during the whole year being 211, (147 in 1929, 190 in 1930). The attendance was generally satisfactory, though there were many cases of sickness due to malaria, influenza and dengue fever.

The School continues to grow; indeed, I can see no signs of slackening in the requests for admission to this British School.

As I anticipated in my report for 1930, I was obliged to form three classes of over 30 pupils in each, the alternative being the refusal to admit further British children, a step I am always very loth to take but which may become necessary in the near future. The following figures are interesting as illustrating the growth of this School during recent years.

Average Attendance.

1919	71
1923	105
1927	130
1931	211

Staff.

Mr. Ferguson was transferred to King's College, Miss Hendry and Miss Dyer went on home leave during which they left the Department on marriage. Mrs. Braine Hartnell resigned in April, and Miss Tansley left, on home leave, in October.

I wish to pay a tribute to the excellent work of Miss Dyer, I should now say Mrs. Duncan, who was for many years on my staff. She was an enthusiastic colleague, ever ready and willing to co-operate with me in everything that concerned the welfare and advancement of the School.

The following joined the Staff: Mr. Mulcahy, transferred from Queen's College, Mrs. Clark and Miss Newsholme on return from home leave, Miss Graham, Mrs. Pryde and Mrs. Ross, Physical Instructors.

The School was visited by the Inspectors of English School and by the Medical Officer of Schools who held a medical inspection of the new entrance in March and arranged a Health Exhibition in the School in October. On Armistice Day, Rev. G. T. Wakegrave, Scout Commissioner, addressed the School on Duty to the King and Empire.

Old Pupils' Association.
At the annual meeting, held in November, it was decided that the name of the Association should be changed and that it should be known in future as Central British Association. The roll of membership has increased and a rugby section has been formed.

Of the three old pupils of the School studying at the University of Hongkong, Sheila Whitley successfully passed the B.A. degree examination in December. I have received gratifying news of distinctions gained by many of our old pupils who are at home Universities and Schools.

Audrey Rosford successfully passed into Bedford College, the results of her examination qualifying her for the Intermediate Science Certificate of the University of London. G. G. Edwards, our Cambridge "blue" and J. Vickers, at Liverpool are in their final year at the Universities. J. Tachi has just finished his school career and hopes to proceed to Cambridge in October next. R. A. Gerrard has gained an International Rugby Cap, having played for England against the South Africans.

School Union.

A School Union was inaugurated at a meeting of Form Representatives and a programme of lectures was arranged. During the year Mr. T. J. Price gave us a lantern lecture on his travels to the ruins of Angkor; Mr. Howes talked to us of the history of flying and described the various parts of an aeroplane; Mr. Clabbutt spoke on stamp collecting; Mrs. Forster gave us a very interesting account

of a journey to Yunnan-fu; and Miss Pope explained to us the aims of the League of Nations Society of which Central British School is a member. Our thanks are due to Miss Brown who so ably organised the meetings of the Union.

School Magazine.

During the year we issued the first number of our School Magazine edited by Miss Munro and Miss Curbin, to whose enthusiasm the success achieved is due. We have now a School badge, the Lion, a School flag and a School motto, "Honestas ante Honores."

Library.

The generosity of friends enabled me to enlarge the School Library by the addition of standard works, reference books, Everyman's Encyclopedia and sundry novels. We also received copies of the Hongkong Naturalist, publications of the League of Nations Society, and the National Geographic Magazine which Captain Muir generously continued to send each month. The School sent donations to the Poleson Relief Fund and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and assisted at the sale of Poppies on Armistice Day.

Games and Sports.

At the Annual Sports, organised by Mr. Rowell, the Inter-House Challenge Cup was won by May and St. George's Houses, great enthusiasm being displayed by the members of all the Houses. Cricket, Football, Hockey and Tennis matches were arranged with Schools and Service teams and full use was made of the School grounds, at King's Park and of the ground of the Kowloon Football Club kindly placed at our disposal. The Committee of the Kowloon Cricket Club generously granted us the use of the ground for Cricket matches. The School again had the privilege of using the bathing beach of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club.

University Examinations.

The results of the Examination this year were very satisfactory. The Peach Memorial Scholarship, open, under certain conditions, to all British boys resident in China, was awarded to A. H. S. Skinn, Form VI, the examination being conducted by the School Certificate Syndicate of Cambridge University. This is the first time that the Scholarship, of the value of £1,350, has been won by a pupil of this School. We are all proud of this achievement and we shall follow Skinn's progress at Edinburgh University with great interest.

Of Form VI, five candidates successfully passed the Examinations of the University of Hongkong, four the Matriculation Examination, gaining distinction in English, and one the Senior Local Examination. The Montargis Senior French Prize for Government Schools was awarded to Stella Bander. Of Form V, eleven of the fourteen candidates on the School Roll in November were successful, gaining distinctions in English (3), Arithmetic, Scripture and Stenography (2).

At the Annual Examination of Forms IV—I, the results were again satisfactory, 72 per cent. of the Candidates gaining promotion to higher Forms.

The following figures show in a very convincing manner the increase in the number of children in these Forms during recent years. In 1929, 109 children were examined, in 1930, 163, and in 1931, 190.

Study of English.

I wish to stress here the advance that has been made, at Central British School, in the Study of English. We are continually adding to our English Library, for we realise that the basis for the acquisition of the power of clear, lucid thought and writing, is the encouragement of our young students to cultivate the habit of reading the best in literature. They are taught how to use books and tested, and many, both boys and girls, have begun to realise that their life at School is the beginning of a great adventure worth pursuing in a spirit of discovery. They are discovering the delights of literature, and reports of former pupils, here and at home, show that many have not lost this spirit of discovery but are putting in practice the industry and intelligence developed during their youthful career at School. To-day the things most wished for

in any school are these qualities of industry combined with intelligence. We can have industry without intelligence, but not intelligence without industry.

I appeal to you who are parents, to realise how great to-day is the necessity that you should interest your children in things that stir a man's intelligence. You should co-operate with us, the teachers of your children for a few hours each day, and supplement our work in your homes. We teachers attempt the building up of character in our Schools but much of it will be jerry-building unless we develop intelligent thought and in this task we ask, nay, demand, in the interests of the children, the fullest co-operation of parents and guardians.

In conclusion I thank all the donors of prizes, my colleagues for their loyal co-operation and support, and the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church who so kindly gave us permission to use the Church Hall on this occasion. I wish also to thank you, Mrs. Southern, for honouring us with your presence here this evening and for so kindly consenting to distribute the prizes.

MRS. SOUTHERN'S SPEECH.

Mrs. Southern then presented the prizes, and afterwards said: It is several years since I had the pleasure of attending a prize giving at the Central British School. Consequently I do not feel as embarrassed as I might have felt after reading an article in one of the Hong Kong papers entitled, "Oh Those Prize Givings!" In it the author complained about all things of the old familiar faces on the platforms—the long and boring speeches, the elation or misery of the prize-winners according to whether they are prize-winners or not, and the wrong way in which prizes are awarded. Prizes said the writer should not be given on the basis of uniform merit throughout the school year, but should be for the exceptionally brilliant, for one outstanding piece of prize work—an essay, a drawing, a piece of constructive mechanics, a play, a poem, a cake, a dance.

I was entertained by the article but unconvinced. After all most boys and girls go to school to receive an all-round equipment for life. Most people have to achieve their modicum of success by good, honest, slow work. A painting, a good plum cake, a dance, a poem may prove a valuable talent but not a means of livelihood in the future, yet each and all of them will help to infuse into life that intelligent interest in many things for which Mr. Nightingale pleads so eloquently and so wisely. In addition to these interests in this difficult modern world where hard work and sacrifice are demanded on all sides, boys and girls have to look out for careers, which will build up the state and restore happiness and prosperity to the world. They cannot jump into these like the fair lady in the circus bounds through the hoops. I am reminded of the little boy who, when asked what he would like to do when he grew up, said after a pause:—"Mother, isn't there anything that begins with a pension?"

Prize Givings—Their Significance.

To return to prize giving, I agree they vary—some heads of schools succeed in infusing more life into them than others, but on the whole I think they are extremely interesting, and also there is a meaning and a purpose in them apart from the mere handing out of prizes. The fact that people outside the school world come to the prize giving shows that they are intensely interested in the progress of the boys and girls who are being trained for citizenship of this Colony or for citizenship of other countries in which they will live and work. It is another chance in addition to the medium of Scouts and Guides of coming into touch with young people, and I assure you one learns a great deal about the tone and value of a school from its prize givings.

Although it is many years now since I had the honour of giving away the prizes here, my impression of the Central British is a very clear and well-defined one and I rejoice to feel at once the same "temperature," if I may call it so, the same sense of good effort and friendly spirit.

Plea for Peace.

And now I have only a few words to say on another subject—a burning subject. I was reading a wonderful address by Dr. Maude Roydon, the famous woman preacher, who made so deep an impression on us here three years ago. It was addressed to young people, and it was on the subject of Peace. At the moment we are all watching the deplorable happenings in Shanghai. Once again the horrors of hatred and warfare are brought home to us, and we who passed through those awful years of the Great War feel with all our hearts that the love of peace and friendship should be planted in the hearts of all those who are young. Yes, but what can one person do, I can hear you ask? I find an answer in the words of Maude Roydon who says:—"You have to practise the arts of peace. Is there any country with which you are angry? Is there any country to which you have an antipathy, which you dislike, or of which you are afraid? Study that country, (Continued on Page 11.)



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Vehicles will return to town via Morrison Gap Road and Queen's Road, East. These arrangements will be in force between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

II.—Passengers will alight from and board trams and buses at—(1) The main Public entrance Gate and (2) the Members' entrance Gate only.

III.—Trucks and persons carrying large burdens will not be permitted West of Percival Street or East of Murray Road between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

IV.—Pedestrians must walk on the footpaths, and not on the roadway.

V.—Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the Race Course.

VI.—Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the Race Course as directed by the Police on duty.

VII.—Dogs are not allowed on or near the Race Course. Any dog found straying is liable to be destroyed (Ordinance 1 of 1934, section 14 sub-section 3).

Note.—There will be one way traffic only in Queen's Road, East from the Monument to Arsenal Street from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The one way traffic will be run East to West.

Vehicles proceeding up Stables Road will proceed via Arsenal Street, Johnston Road, (Old Praya East, Wanchai Road, Morrison Hill Road and Morrison Gap Road.

PARKING OF CARS AT THE RACE COURSE.

1.—The Stand at the Public entrance is reserved for Jockey Club Stewards' Officials only.

2.—Morrison Hill parking ground opposite Civil Service Club, and Village Road reserved for Private Cars.

3.—Ventris Road reserved for Public Cars.

E. D. C. WOLFE, Inspector General of Police, Hong Kong, 16th Feb., 1932. [1834]

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

NEXT Term will commence on Monday, February 22nd, at 8.30 a.m. New boys should attend on that day. Full particulars as to fees, etc. may be obtained from the Acting Headmaster, P. O. Box 33. [1833]

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1932, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS.—To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following alterations to the Rules of the Association: Rule 25—To add the words "or at the Annual General Meeting."

To add a new rule as follows, to be inserted between the existing rules 14 and 15:

"Honorary Life Members may be elected at any Annual General Meeting; such Life Members shall be nominated by the General Committee, and no annual subscription shall be payable by them."

To renumber the existing rules Nos. 15—25 as Nos. 16—26.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Friday, 26th February, 1932, immediately after the above-mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting.

BUSINESS.

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1931.

Election of Officers and Committee. Any other business.

It is specially requested that all members and others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will make an endeavour to be present at this meeting.

CHAS. E. TERRY, Hon. Secretary. [1831]

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. M. A. DOS REMEDIOS and family tender sincere thanks to their relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement, also for floral tributes sent and attendance at the funeral.

DEATHS.

Cox.—On February 8, at Shanghai, WILLIAM WAKEFORD COX, in his 64th year.

Soroulis.—On February 11, at Shanghai CONSTANTINE SOROULIS, aged 30 years.

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WHAT DOES JAPAN WANT?

According to the cables to hand at the moment of writing there is a lull on the Shanghai front. Reuter informs us that thirty thousand Japanese troops have been landed, with field guns of all calibres, howitzers and tanks, and great preparations are in progress. The Japanese Commander-in-Chief has announced that unless the Chinese troops withdraw a distance of twenty miles he will have to take drastic measures. An ultimatum is apprehensively awaited, and its presentation will also announce that all is ready for a great attack, if Japan's terms are not accepted.

A point of intense importance to Shanghai and to the world will be whether in this document Japan discloses her objective in China. So far her official announcements, written and spoken, have corresponded closely with Tallegiani's definition of the objects of human speech. They have, as far as possible, acted as a smoke screen to military action. Words have been a weapon in the campaign to be used, as tanks or destroyers are used in furtherance of the ultimate objective. Japan accepted the League of Nations command that her troops should be withdrawn by a certain date back to the Railway Zone of the South Manchurian Railway. They were not withdrawn. Excellent reasons were given for the opposite policy of an advance, and this method has been maintained. Japan has protested that she would not accept Manchuria as a gift, that she has no territorial ambitions in China, that she does not want a concession at Shanghai. Her actions all through have belied these words.

It is impossible to believe that the occupation of Manchuria and the fighting at Shanghai are merely policing activities, necessitated by a relentless pressure of events. These operations have cost Japan millions of yen at a time of grave economic crisis. They are not fortuitous. It is absurd to say that danger to Japanese nationals at Shanghai was greater six weeks ago than it was at the time of the Tainan incident, when no such display of violence was needed.

What then does Japan want? This, we may be sure will not be disclosed till the Tokyo Government feels fairly certain of imposing its terms on the world. To keep the Powers in uncertainty is to hold a strategic and diplomatic advantage. Moreover, demands will no doubt vary according to circumstances. There are probably maximum and minimum demands in some secret place of the Japanese Foreign Office.

It was Clausewitz who pointed out that there were two kinds of warfare—the limited and the unlimited. When the latter is waged the belligerent seeks the complete conquest of the enemy and the imposing of corresponding terms. The Great War was unlimited warfare on both sides. The Boxer Expedition, which relieved the beleaguered legations at Peking and imposed certain penalties upon the Court and Dynasty, was an example of "limited warfare." In Manchuria the existing government has been driven out, the whole country occupied and a new government under Japanese auspices is being formed.

General URYU's ultimatum, however cautiously it is framed, will throw light on Japan's intentions. A negative document cannot fail to be significant, from the nature of what is left unspoken. The demilitarisation scheme was of interest for it showed what Japan probably wants. It amounted to a disarming of China. Of course, it was all for China's own good, and to the obvious advantage of trade, but the bargain was one-sided. We all want to know, further, what Japan will do if the Chinese troops around Shanghai agree to retreat. We may at least be certain that measures will be taken to see that such withdrawal is not immediately followed by an advance. Otherwise, why the fighting at Shanghai? Japan will, in fact, if allowed a free hand, dictate stringent terms. The apocryphal "TANAKA Memorandum" stated that Japan aimed at a complete conquest of China. The memorandum has been repudiated as a forgery, but recent events have not given the slightest indication of where Japan will stop. The inference of the demilitarising plan are sinister enough, but the note in question was, quite possibly, no more than a diplomatic intimation. Nor can it be forgotten that the military appetite grows with success. A disarmed and beaten China would offer great temptations to the world. The triumphs of the Mongols and Manchus, in olden times, cannot have been forgotten by Japan. Japan is fighting a life-and-death battle. Her position as a world power depends upon Manchuria and the China market. She has certain needs, and, apparently, she intends to seize them by force of arms. We do not know the extent of those needs; we can only draw inferences from speeches, and these inferences may be entirely incorrect.

The League of Nations was supposed to be a medium for expressing necessities arising from changing conditions, and for seeking a settlement by peaceful means. Japan has lost the sympathy of the world because she has sought to acquire what she needs, not through the authorised channels, but by the old methods of national brigandage. She gains in strategic points by concealing her wants, but this persistent evasiveness is one of the worst features of the crisis.

Tale of the Day.

"See here, my good man, you look able enough to work."

"Yes, mum. Still you look beautiful enough to be in the movies, yet you prefer the simple life."

"Norrish, give this poor man a meal."

The Barber's "Bomb."

Like the famous safe of Madame Humbert, the packages addressed to the King of Italy and Signor Mussolini when opened were found to contain something quite different from what was expected.

A barber, aptly named Modestino De Rosa, remembering in his Atlantic exile the coin-collecting hobby of his King, has suddenly leaped into the limelight as the hero of a spurious "bomb" drama. The piece was in five acts, with a surprising denouement.

A Big Fuss.

Act 1.—Bombs dispatched by parcel post caused panic among Italians in the United States.

Act 2.—Owners of the United States steamer Excalibur wirelessed that a mailbag on board was reported to contain bombs, addressed to King Victor and Signor Mussolini.

Act 3.—Officers of the Excalibur declared the story baseless.

Act 4.—In a strongly guarded warehouse at Naples Customs officials, post office clerks and Fascist postal militia started to search 1,000 mailbags of the Excalibur.

Act 5.—No bomb, but a simple gift of a rare American coin, expressing a barber's humble homage to his King was found. Another parcel addressed to the Duke of Spoleto, nephew of the King, contained three samples of linoleum.

Dean Inge and the French Pictures.

Dean Inge, addressing members of the Modern Chappinmen's Union at St. Edmund's, Lombard-street, London, said:

"I hope I am a modern, but I do not think I am a modernist. I am certainly not a modernist in philosophy. I am certainly not a modernist in art, especially after looking at the French pictures."

In modern philosophy, Dean Inge added, a great deal was said about the eternal ultimate or absolute values which were gen-

erally enumerated as goodness, truth or wisdom, and beauty.

Knowledge or religious experience of these values constituted a knowledge as definitely real as the knowledge which came through the senses.

He was much struck by the fact that the mystics all agreed extraordinarily closely about what God had revealed to them. Therefore, it was most unreasonable to set such things aside, because we might not have experienced anything of the kind ourselves.

Save the Air Mail.

"The aircraft manufacturing interests and the air transport system have tremendous commercial and military potentialities. They should not be allowed to disintegrate simply because the American air mail is not yet a paying proposition."

Charles L. Lawrence.

Cows that Pays.

Although last year was the 13th in the history of the East Sussex Milk Recording Society it proved the best in all respects. The herds recorded numbered 280, a considerable increase, the total number of animals being 7,172, belonging to 222 members.

The highest yield was by a Friesian, a 2,000-gallon cow which gave 20,799 lbs. during the year.

No fewer than 366 cows and 21 heifers gave over 10,000 lbs. apiece. Messrs. J. and H. Robinson, of Iford, headed the list with 37 animals achieving that record.

The average yield for 3,754 full-year cows was 7,083.6 lbs., which has been exceeded only once in East Sussex.

Mr. Lyons Brings His Family.

The decision of Mr. J. A. Lyons to live at Prime Minister's Lodge, Canberra, with his wife and ten children may help to popularise this rural city with politicians. For two years the fine lodge has been empty. Mr. Scullin having preferred to stay in an hotel while in the capital.

Canberra's population consists largely of politicians (while the House is sitting) and disgruntled Civil Servants, who contend that the extra allowance they receive for working there does not compensate for the higher cost of living and the lack of entertainment.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

The Hong Kong dollar improved yesterday and was quoted at 1s 5 7/16d on demand.

The President and Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donation to the funds of the Home:—H.M.S. "Kent" (Ships Company). 220 1/5d—\$270.42 (H.K.).

There was nothing of public interest at the fortnightly meeting of Sanitary Board yesterday, the matters coming up for discussion being of a routine nature. Those present besides the President (Mr. C. R. Sayer) were: Dr. C. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Dr. R. A. Castro Basto, Messrs. L.C.E. Bellamy, J. H. Galling (Secretary) and J. Har greaves, (assistant secretary).

At the Central Magistracy before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones in the Lower Court yesterday afternoon a Chinese named Chung Wing Tsang was summoned by Fung Meng Tong of 8 Li Ling Street, for larceny, by tearing up a promissory note for \$2,500. It was alleged that the act was committed at the office of the General Milk Company, 6, Queen's Road Central. Mr. M. M. Watson prosecuted, the defence being in the hands of Mr. F. H. Loefer. It was intimated to the Court that Mr. Loefer, who was engaged in the Upper Court, requested that the case might be adjourned until a later date. His Worship concurred, and the hearing will be resumed on Wednesday March 2, at 2.30 p.m.

Eight cases of small-pox and one of diphtheria were reported on Monday. During last week there were 7 cases (2 deaths) of small-pox, 2 fatal cases of diphtheria, 5 cases (3 deaths) of enteric fever, 1 fatal case of cerebro-spinal fever, 1 fatal case of puerperal fever and 30 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

The case in which Leo Chuen, a foreman in the employ of the Hong Kong Excavation and Pile Driving Company, and two others are charged with conspiracy was continued at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday and after further evidence was taken it was adjourned until February 22. The first-named is also charged with larceny of water pipes from the Company's yard at Ngau Sze Wan. Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones is prosecuting while the first defendant is represented by Mr. O. E. C. Martin.

notice, have overflowed into the adjacent lands on both sides of the Pacific. This movement has been one of the most important ethnological problems of modern times, and is likely to result in serious consequences for the race.

Regarding the famine in China the Lord Mayor has informed Sir Edward Gray that he will remit any contributions sent to him to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Relief Fund, through His Majesty's Government at Shanghai. (Hong Kong Daily Press, Feb. 17, 1932.)

21-Year Fight with Diphtheria.

The prevalence of diphtheria in West Derby and Wootton, two suburbs of Liverpool, despite a two-and-a-half years' battle to combat it, is the subject of a special report by Dr. W. M. Frader, Medical Officer of Health.

Continued attempts have been made to rid these two districts of "carriers" and other sources of infection, and, although unsuspected "carriers" have been discovered, isolated, and treated, the disease continues to claim victims.

Undetected "Carriers."

Dr. Frader suggests that there are in Wootton a susceptible population, a virulent diphtheria organism, and a number of undetected cases, and "carriers." Unless further steps are taken, it is likely that diphtheria will prevail until the majority of the inhabitants become immunised, either by passing through a recognised attack or by acquiring immunity through the assimilation of a number of small doses of diphtheria poison.

Dr. Frader urges that the most effectual way of staying the present outbreak is by the inoculation of those who are susceptible.

Tracking Down that Tune.

Two Viennese brothers, Werner and Anton Rolleider, have succeeded, after many years of research, in compiling an encyclopedia of melodies, by consulting which it will be possible to trace any tune or melody quite easily. Unsuccessful attempts along these lines made hitherto by Krohn, Merzmann, Wilhelm Tappert—have been carefully studied, and the result is the creation of a unique card index, which includes, first German and Austrian music, classical, folk and light music, and then, the musical productions of other nations. The melodies are arranged according to the intervals of the first tones regardless of rhythm, and consist of three to six bars; the rhythm and harmony chords are added later. Symphonies, sonatas, oratorios, operettas, folk songs, etc., old and modern, are all included.

from the files.

Looking Back 50 Years.

The Inter-Oceanic Steamer Yacht Company's screw steamship Ceylon, 2,110 tons register, 450 horse power, Captain R. D. Lunham, now on an oceanic cruise round the world, has probably left Singapore and is on her way to Manila and Hong Kong.

In consequence of to-morrow being New Year's Day professor Rudwaldy has postponed his entertainment at the Theatre Royal to Monday next.

Some days since the police received information that led them to expect an armed attack on the village of Shaukiwan. They made preparations accordingly, but it would seem that the intending marauders were apprised of their movements, and have for the present abandoned the attack, as several nights have now passed since it was expected. (Hong Kong Daily Press, Feb. 17, 1932.)

Looking Back 25 Years.

The Japanese people, with a rapidly increasing population, have for a considerable time been emigrating in large number, and, as we have frequently had occasion to (Continued on Previous Column.)

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YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

The opening session yesterday morning was, if anything, even quieter than Monday's and, generally speaking, operators would seem to be adopting a "wait and see" policy.

Sales.
Union Insurance, \$400.
Providents (Old), \$5.
Two Cottons, Tls. 145.
Telephones, \$234.
Daily Farms, \$30.
Constructions (Old), \$54.
Buyers.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Daily Farms, \$294.
Amusements, \$18.25.
Constructions (Old), \$5.15.
Constructions (New), \$1.80.
Government Loans, 3 per cent. premium.

Sellers.
Docks, \$20.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A few insignificant transactions were put through in the course of the day, but the market remained dull and uninteresting.

Sales.
Hong Kong Lands, \$784.
Two Cottons, Tls. 145.
Star Ferries, \$04.
Buyers.
Union Insurance, \$400.
Providents (New), \$2.30.

Japan Between The Devil And The Deep Sea

MORE JAPANESE TROOPS FOR SHANGHAI?

"I WILL SEND ALL THE MEN REQUIRED"

STATEMENT BY WAR MINISTER.

FEAR OF BEING DRIVEN BACK BY CHINESE

JAPANESE OFFENSIVE EXPECTED ON THURSDAY

CHINESE TROOPS CONCENTRATING NEAR SHANGHAI

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Feb. 16. "I will send all the men needed and withdraw as soon as the task is completed. That is my policy," the War Minister is quoted to have said in connection with the possibility of further reinforcements being required at Shanghai.

While it is still hoped that the present force will be sufficient to drive back the Nineteenth Army if it refuses to withdraw voluntarily, officials are clearly worried as they feel they are between the devil and the deep sea.

On the one hand they recognise the serious consequences if the Japanese meet with a reverse through insufficiency of numbers, while on the other hand they are anxious to avoid the despatch of further reinforcements, owing to financial difficulties and the liability of increasing apprehensions abroad.

Meantime, it is indicated that as the Japanese troops are unable to make a direct attack without endangering the International Settlement through artillery fire they are likely to attempt an encircling movement, hoping thereby to compel the Chinese to withdraw through a threat to their line of retreat.

JAP. TROOPS DRIVEN INTO SETTLEMENT

THE CABLE SERVICE FROM SHANGHAI WAS INTERRUPTED YESTERDAY EVENING BETWEEN 6 AND 11, AND MANY RUMOURS WERE CURRENT IN THE COLONY.

ACCORDING TO A CHINESE CABLE RECEIVED VIA CANTON, LARGE NUMBERS OF JAPANESE TROOPS WERE DRIVEN BY THE CHINESE INTO THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT WHERE THEY WERE DISARMED BY THE BRITISH TROOPS.

A GRUESOME WELCOME

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16, 4.30 p.m. JAPANESE TROOPS ARRIVING BY THE LAST TRANS. PORT TO REACH SHANGHAI HAD A MOST MELANCHOLY INTRODUCTION TO THE WAR: AS THEY STREAMED DOWN THE GANGWAY, IN FULL FIGHTING KIT, COFFINS, CONTAINING THE BODIES OF THEIR COMRADES, WERE BEING HOISTED ABOARD FOR SHIPMENT TO JAPAN.

THE PROCEEDINGS WERE WATCHED BY "TARS" ABOARD H.M.S. SUFFOLK, ONE OF WHICH EXPRESSED THE GENERAL SENTIMENT BY EXCLAIMING: "WE'D NEVER 'AVE DONE THAT."

3,500 CHINESE CASUALTIES.

ENQUIRIES AT CHINESE HOSPITALS IN THE SHANGHAI AREA REVEAL THAT 3,500 CHINESE WAR CASUALTIES, BOTH SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS, HAVE BEEN ATTENDED SINCE MID-NIGHT JANUARY 28.

SHANGHAI IS AWAITING WITH NERVOUS EXPECTANCY FOR THE OFFENSIVE WHICH THE JAPANESE ARE EXPECTED TO LAUNCH ON THURSDAY MORNING.

WHILE THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT CHIANG KAI SHEK, WHO IS AT PRESENT AT NANKING, IS STRIVING FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE ADAMANT ATTITUDE OF JAPANESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES, PRESURE BY THE MAJORITY OF THE LESS FAR-SIGHTED CHINESE LEADERS IS FORCING HIM TO PREPARE FOR WAR, FOR WHICH REASON FIVE CHINESE ARMY CORPS ARE CONCENTRATING ON THE SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY AREA, WITH MARSHAL FENG YU HSIAO AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE FORCES IN THE FIELD.

100,000 CHINESE TROOPS WESTWARD OF SHANGHAI?

THE POSSIBILITY IS VISUALISED THAT THE JAPANESE FORCES, 20,000 STRONG, AFTER CAPTURING CHAPEI MAY FIND THEMSELVES CONFRONTED BY 100,000 CHINESE TROOPS WESTWARD OF SHANGHAI IN A COUNTRY IN WHICH THE JAPANESE ARE LIKELY TO BE HEAVILY HANDICAPPED BY THE ABSOLUTE LACK OF ROADS AND FREQUENCY OF TIDAL CREEKS IMPEDING THEIR MOVEMENTS, WHILE THE LIGHTLY ARMED CHINESE TROOPS WITH AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUNTRY AND TREBLE THEIR NUMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO PUT UP A DESPERATE RESISTANCE AGAINST THE JAPANESE ADVANCE.

ULTIMATUM ISSUED BY JAPAN

CHINESE BLAMED FOR PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16, 10.50 p.m. ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON JAPANESE LIGHT ARTILLERY DISPERSED A CHINESE CAVALRY AND INFANTRY COLUMN SEEN MARCHING NORTH-EAST OF THE KIANG-WAN FRONT.

AT FIVE O'CLOCK FIELD PIECES ON BOTH SIDES WERE ENGAGED IN A DUEL WHICH CONTINUED WELL INTO THE EVENING.

PRESAGING A BIG OFFENSIVE, GENERAL UYEDA CONFERRED WITH ADMIRAL NOMURA ABOARD HIS FLAGSHIP WITH A VIEW OF CO-ORDINATING ARMY AND NAVY ACTIVITIES.

MR. MURAI, THE JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL, HAS DISPATCHED A NOTE OF WARNING TO THE MAYOR OF GREATER SHANGHAI, REITERATING THE PREVIOUS DECLARATION THAT THE PRESENT CLASH IS DUE TO DELIBERATE ATTACKS OPENED UPON JAPANESE BLUE-JACKETS BY SNIPERS AND REGULARS ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 28, DESPITE THE CHINESE PROMISE TO ABSTAIN FROM ANTI-JAPANESE ACTIVITIES, AND THAT THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY DEVOLVES ON CHINESE SHOULDERS. THE LATTER ARE ALSO ACCUSED OF REPEATED BREACHES OF THE TRUCE. THE NOTE ENDS THUS: "IF YOU WISH TO END THIS UNFORTUNATE SITUATION IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT CHINESE REGULARS CEASE THEIR ATTACKS AND WITHDRAW FROM THE AREA ADJOINING THE SETTLEMENT."

CHAPEI AGAIN BOMBARDED

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16. All night long, the Japanese artillery at Hongkew Park and other places of vantage bombarded the Chinese lines, the Chinese replying at times.

This morning, however, there was a further lull.

Further Japanese troops are expected to-day bringing the total up to 30,000, with the blue-jackets and the marines already ashore.

It is understood that the newly arrived troops are preparing to enter the Chapei line as soon as possible, in order to relieve the marines and blue-jackets, who have been on duty continuously for more than a fortnight.

It is learned that the Japanese have now landed sixteen tanks, ten of the large variety and six of the "whippet" type, all equipped with quick-firing light ordnance.

JAPAN FEARS RESISTANCE

Tokyo, Feb. 16.

The Minister for War, meeting members of the Press late last night, indicated that the despatch of further military reinforcements to Shanghai might be necessitated as it had been reported that the Nineteenth Route Army was being strongly reinforced and preparing a stubborn resistance.

The War Minister, who subsequently saw Mr. Yoshizawa, the Foreign Minister, intimated to the Press that the developments of the next few days would decide whether further reinforcements were necessary.

ANGLO-AMERICAN DISCUSSION

Washington, Feb. 15.

It is noteworthy that the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay, called at the State Department to-day and exchanged news of developments in the Far East with several officials.

LITTLE CHANGE IN SHANGHAI POSITION

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rosny, Feb. 15. Several questions relating to the Far Eastern situation were answered by the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons to-day.

He said that there had been little change in the situation at Shanghai in the last few days except for the arrival of Japanese reinforcements.

The British Minister in China reached Shanghai last week and, in accordance with instructions, has

been exerting himself in every possible way, both by using his good offices with the Chinese and Japanese authorities and by consultation with representatives of other Powers, including the United States, with a view to securing an agreement for the cessation of the fighting.

Sir John Simon deeply regretted these efforts had not yet borne fruit, but they were being continued.

CHINA'S RIGHTS

As to the Chinese appeal to the League, Article XV. of the Covenant provided that the dispute submitted to the Council shall be referred to the Assembly at the request of either party to the dispute; provided the request was made within 14 days after the submission of the dispute to the Council. The Chinese representative made the request before the 14 days had expired and, consequently, if he so desired the dispute was

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.30 p.m., stated:—

A strong anti-cyclone remains central over N.E. China. The depression has deepened further and is passing into the Pacific.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

automatically referred to the Assembly.

The Report to Council, by the officers appointed to investigate the causes and continuance of the dispute, together with a subsequent report, which had now reached Geneva, formed part of the material collected for consideration of the Council.

Another portion of material would be statements by the parties to the dispute, and the Article provided that the Council may direct their publication. He would urge that the documents should be made publicly available at the earliest moment.

The gravity and urgency of the matter were in the minds of all members of the Council, and he trusted there would be better news without much longer delay. How soon the Assembly could meet and what it could do, when it met, were questions demanding careful consideration. The Council was still sitting and he hoped to return there as soon as possible.

CANTON FEARS JAPANESE ATTACK

ELABORATE DEFENCES BEING ERRECTED

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

CANTON, Feb. 16.

In anticipation of a Japanese attack, Canton is rapidly assuming the appearance of an armed camp. Trenches are being dug around the city, and steel-concrete dug-outs erected on all strategic points. The northern line of defence extends from the north side of White Cloud Mountain, to Shekpei, Whampoa, some 12 miles east of Canton, and is heavily guarded. An elaborate system of trenches has also been constructed there. General Chen Tzu Tong and his staff of officers went to Whampoa yesterday on an inspection tour. Anti-aircraft guns have been mounted on top of White Cloud Mountain, the ravines of the hills at Whampoa and other places. A detachment of artillery was despatched to White Cloud Mountain last week, and is now encamped in the Cheng Sin and the Nan Yan Monasteries.

The martial appearance in the city is equally marked. A huge rampart, consisting of sand bags, is being erected in front of the Canton Electric Power House on the South Bund. The rampart is about 15 feet thick and more than 50 feet high. Over a hundred coolies have been working under the direction of an army officer on it for the last ten days or more. The writer who visited it was told that there will be a steel net covering the roof of the Power House to render aerial attack ineffective. The Canton Water Works at Tsang Po is similarly protected. The local military authorities are of the opinion that should Japan decide to bombard Canton, which is not at all improbable in view of what has taken place in Shanghai and elsewhere in the North, the electric power house and the city water works, being located on the river and therefore within reach of gunfire, will be first singled out for destruction.

MORE 'PLANES FOR SHANGHAI

The second squadron of Canton 'planes is now prepared and expects to hop off for Shanghai to help to repel the Japanese armed invasion to-morrow morning, if weather permits. The local flying authorities are, already in receipt of a wireless report of the safe arrival at Shanghai of their first aerial squadron which left here during the early part of last week. The second squadron of Canton 'planes, numbering eight machines, will take the same route as the first on its way North.

\$2,000,000 APPROPRIATED FOR AIRCRAFT

General Chang, Wai Cheung, Commander of the Canton Air Force, is deeply convinced of the usefulness of 'planes in time of war, and through his influence, the Canton Government has appropriated \$2,000,000 for the purchase of 50 more 'planes from abroad. Captains Hu Kin Ya and Pu Shiao Ki, of the Canton Aviation Department, are, it is learned, about to go abroad to buy these machines. The names of the foreign country with which the order will be placed has not been divulged.

THE SITUATION IN INDIA

AN IMPROVEMENT REPORTED

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, Feb. 15.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for India, stated in the House of Commons to-day that Provincial Government reports indicated an improvement in the Peshawar District and a very satisfactory situation in other districts of the North-West Frontier Province.

Sustained improvement was reported in the United Provinces, confirming the view that agitation is now definitely on the decrease. There are indications that the apex has been reached in several other Provinces, Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, the Central Provinces and the Punjab.

The very satisfactory situation in the Bombay Presidency and in Bombay City gives some indication of the improvement.

Generally there are very few instances of violence. The chief activity of Congress is now the boycott. The underground agitation continues but at present gives little cause for anxiety.

On the 12th, in the Tipperah District of Bengal, the police were attacked and forced to fire. Three persons were killed.

The situation in Kashmir and Jammu is much easier but the reactions of the communal feeling in British India, especially in the Punjab, are more marked.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY MEETING

NEW INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY JAPAN

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Feb. 16.

THE COUNCIL, AFTER AN HOUR AND A HALF DISCUSSION, DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO ADDRESS AN APPEAL TO JAPAN TO REACH A PACIFIC SETTLEMENT WITH CHINA.

The Council meets again at 3 p.m., when a decision will be taken upon the text of the appeal and whether the appeal can be made. A public meeting of the Council is fixed for February 18, when a decision in regard to the Special Assembly will be taken.

It is also understood that as an appeal has now been made to a special meeting of the Assembly, the Council has decided it would be unnecessary to discuss the second report from the Shanghai Commission, as this could more properly come before the Assembly.

The Japanese delegation has received instructions not to object to the Assembly meeting on grounds of procedure, but to let events take their course.

Sir John Simon's Ideas.

The League's appeal to Japan for peace was originated by Sir John Simon, who considered that now the peace efforts of the four Powers had resulted in nothing it would be desirable to make an appeal on behalf of the League.

Animated discussion resulted from some members advocating a strong line, while others being in a more conciliatory spirit.

The Committee which will draft the appeal has been instructed to steer a middle course.

Several members of the Council of Twelve favoured the inclusion in the appeal of a warning based on Article X. of the Covenant and similar to the recent American Note, namely, that no territorial changes be recognised by the Council.

Meeting Likely Next Week.

GENEVA, Feb. 15. A special meeting of the League Assembly, called on the demand of Mr. W. W. Yen, the Chinese delegate to the League of Nations, is now regarded as inevitable.

There is, of course, no foundation for the suggestion that it will be necessary to postpone the Disarmament Conference, during the session of the Assembly as there will be no difficulty in holding plenary sessions of both the Disarmament Conference and the Assembly at the same time.

American quarters flatly deny the rumour that the United States will participate in the meeting of the League Assembly.

The Council of twelve met this afternoon and will probably meet again to-morrow morning.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

FURTHER VIEWS REVEALED

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rosny, Feb. 15.

The Disarmament Conference, at Geneva, was continued to-day, when the first speaker was Señor Bosch, a former Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, who appealed for the abolition of land, naval and air forces, which by their nature were intended for aggression. He also urged the Conference to draft a convention containing articles to prevent trading in war material.

The Swiss President, M. G. Motta, made a strong appeal to all members of the League and to the United States to make use of the Covenant of the League and the Paris Pact in a final effort to restore peace in the Far East. He supported all the methods of prohibiting aggressive war and the use of chemicals and bombing of civilian populations.

MEAT TRADE WITH NEW ZEALAND

FIFTY YEARS OF TRADE. CELEBRATED ON FEB. 15

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rosny, Feb. 15.

The jubilee of the New Zealand meat trade with Britain was celebrated yesterday, in London and in Wellington.

On February 15, 1882, the steamship Dunedin cleared from Port Chalmers with the first consignment of 5,000 carcases of frozen meat for Britain. This proved to be the foundation of regular shipments that last year reached the record figure of over 30,000,000 carcases.

A BEDSIDE CONFERENCE

PREMIER DISCUSSES FOREIGN SITUATION

[Reuter's Special Service.]

LONDON, Feb. 16.

A special and important bedside conference on the foreign situation was held at the nursing home where Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is recovering.

The Premier also had lengthy talks with Sir John Simon, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Thomas and Lord Hailsham, who is shortly leaving for Geneva.

THE LATE MR. EDGAR WALLACE

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD AT ST. BRIDE'S

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 16.

Peers, generals, editors, stage celebrities, charwomen, newboys, sportsmen, flower girls, typists, clerks and policemen packed St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, to-day, to pay tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Edgar Wallace, whose body is being brought to England in the Berea.

So great was the crowd that queues were formed outside the church. The congregation included many whom Mr. Wallace had befriended, and some of the characters who might have stepped out of the pages of some of his 150 thrillers.

CREDIT EXTENSION BILL PASSED

AMERICA'S FINANCES

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. The House of Representatives this evening passed the Credit Extension Bill.

IMPORTS DUTIES BILL

DEBATE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, Feb. 15. Exceptional interest was displayed in the House of Commons, during the debate on the Imports Duties Bill, which, with the proposals for dealing with agriculture outlined last week, constitutes the main part of the Government's scheme for meeting the national emergency.

Major Elliot, Financial Secretary, moving the second reading, said the Government sought by this measure to correct the balance of payments, to check the depreciation of the pound, to secure the freedom of trade by offering advantages to other countries in return for advantages they might give to Britain, to have an instrument to meet discrimination against Britain, to encourage the British people to secure a reasonable share of their markets, and to fortify the finances of the country by a not unduly high, but widely spread revenue duty.

Fish Duty. The proposals in the report of the sub-committee of Civil Research, appointed to investigate the fishing industry, include a recommendation that the question of imposing restrictions on the importation of white fish, of which some three million pounds worth are imported annually, should be considered by the Government in connection with any steps taken to improve the balance of trade.

EMPIRE BROADCASTING

REGULAR PROGRAMMES THIS YEAR

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rosny, Feb. 15.

The Postmaster-General, in the House of Commons, said that the work of constructing a new station for Empire broadcasting was in hand and that the British Broadcasting Corporation hoped to provide a regular service from this station before the end of this year. The scheme is being financed out of the Corporation's revenues and no question of overseas contribution would be raised until the service was established.

JUNIOR CRICKET NOTES.

INDIANS NOW IN STRONG POSITION.

[By "C. B. W."]

What hopes Club de Recreo entertained of carrying off second division honours in the Cricket League for 1931-32 were shattered when they lost their last match to the Indian Recreation Club at King's Park last Saturday. Up till then there was a chance that the Portuguese team might bring it off, for, if they had beaten the Indians, and again if Kowloon had dropped three points in either one of their remaining three matches, these two teams would have had to play off a tie. As it is, however, Recreo are out of the running and it is to be left to the Indians and Kowloon to fight it out. Kowloon are in a better position than the champions as they are one point ahead with the same number of matches played and their race for championship honours will be keenly followed by all followers of the game.

The Recreo-Indians Game.

This match was played on the Recreo ground and was full of thrills. Dame Fortune's pendulum swung first one way and then the other but on the day's play, the Indians fully deserved their win.

Carvalho called right in the spin and on what appeared to be a bowler's wicket, he decided to send the Indians in. As usual Madar and Barma opened the innings for the Sookunpoo side, but with only six runs on the board, the latter had the misfortune to play one from Alves on to his wicket. From this point nothing seemed to go right for the Indians and their wickets fell with monotonous regularity until the score board read 9 for 78. Then S. Yamai and Arculli engaged in a last wicket partnership which produced 30 runs and the side were all out for 107 which was by no means a safe total against the strong Recreo XI.

With their last wicket stand, however, fortune favoured the Indians so much so that when Recreo went in to bat they found themselves in a sorry plight. As with the case of the Sookunpoo team earlier on in the afternoon, the King's Park batsmen found it difficult to keep their wickets intact and almost before they realised it, they were all out for 68 runs.

Fine Bowling By Indians.

While the Recreo bowlers shared honours when the Indians were at the wickets, the majority of the Recreo wickets fell to A. M. Rumjahn and F. M. de Aroulli, each of these bowlers getting four "scalps." The fielding of both sides were very keen and I can safely say that I have not seen the I.R.C. lads do so well in the field for many a long day. They fully deserved their win and now that they have overcome one of their strongest rivals, I feel confident they will keep the shield for another season, provided, however, they get the better of their encounter with Kowloon. The I.R.C. meet the Cricket Club seconds this week when the former should add another three points to their total.

The two other matches in this division resulted in wins for the Police and University over Craigengower and Civil Service Cricket Club respectively. The results of these games came very much as expected although I certainly thought Craigengower would put up a better display against their neighbours.

League Tables.

The positions of the teams, up-to-date, are as follows:-

	P. W. D. L. Pts.
Recreo	10 6 2 2 20
Kowloon C.C.	7 6 2 0 17
Indian R.C.	7 5 1 1 18
Police R.C.	8 3 2 3 11
S.W. Borderers	7 3 1 3 10
Craigengower	8 3 0 5 9
University	7 2 2 3 8
R.E. & Sigs	8 2 2 4 8
Hong Kong C.C.	6 2 1 3 7
H.A.S.C.	5 1 1 3 4
Civil Service C.C.	9 0 4 5 4

HOW TO AVOID INDIGESTION.

In most digestive troubles, excess acid ferments food and causes gases to distend the stomach. That is why intense pain so often follows immediately after eating. Digestive disturbances of this kind can be absolutely prevented by taking a little "Bismarck" Magnesia in water after eating. This neutralises the excess acid and enables the digestive organs to function in a normal manner without pain or distress. Every chemist sells "Bismarck" Magnesia, and if you will take it as directed you will quickly gain freedom from digestive pain and discomfort.

LAWN TENNIS.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Six more matches in the open singles championship event of the tennis tournament run by the H.K.C.C. were decided last evening, a feature of which was the short work the winners of the respective ties made of their opponents. One of the games fixed for yesterday, the match between J. Barrow and F. Hata, was postponed owing to the fact that Hata was indisposed. It will be played off later in the season.

The results of yesterday's matches were:-

Lee Wai-Choi, beat G. W. A. Tuf-ton, 6-0, 6-3.
F. Gross, beat P. C. Koh, 6-2, 6-4.
H. D. Rumjahn beat D. D. Mackay, 6-1, 6-3.
E. C. Fincher beat K. H. Wong, 6-1 6-0.
G. Lai, beat G. E. Holmes, 6-1, 0-6, 6-1.
Tsui Wai-pui beat S. A. Gray, 6-1, 6-0.

To-day's Games.

The programme for to-day is as follows:-

Lee Wai Fung v. J. G. Lecky.
A. V. Gosano v. Yew Man Kit.
H. N. Lee v. Iu Tak Cheuk.
J. A. Cassimhoy v. E. Nash.
S. A. Rumjahn v. H. N. Chan.
L. T. Ride v. G. H. Harkins.
T. C. Monaghan v. Tsui Yan Pui.
K. W. Ralston v. M. K. Lo.
A. L. Sullivan v. F. D. Pereira.

HOME FOOTBALL.

MANCHESTER CITY LOSE AWAY FIXTURE CHARLTON DRAW

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 15.

The following were the results of League games played to-day as cabled by Reuter:-

First Division.

Sheffield U. 2 Manchester C. 1

Second Division.

Charlton A. 1 Stoke C. 0

THE CIRCUS COMES TO WANCHAI.

GOOD HOUSE FOR OPENING PERFORMANCE.

THRILLING TRAPEZE ACTS.

Harmston's circus opened at Wanchai last night on the large area where the Chinese New Year Fair was recently held. There was a large attendance to greet the circus on their opening performance. The high standard of acts presented in Kowloon by this talented circus was again in evidence last night. The Palomar family in their thrilling trapeze act presented one of the most thrilling acrobatic feats seen in the Colony for many a day. The wire-walking act, also, was a hit which was much appreciated.

The equestrian acts were clever, the horses showing almost human intelligence while the elephants went even one better and proved themselves extremely clever. The wild animals in the last act proved to be a great success and the trainer kept many of the Chinese agape by his fearlessness in the cage. The Williams, brother and sister, were also very good in their horse back act. The contortionist, Mr. Frank, showed what can be done with a human body after a little practise while throughout the evening a pleasing touch of fun and humour was given to the performance by "Chocolate" and Little Peter, the imitable clowns of the circus.

M.F.H. SWIMS FOR IT.

INCIDENT DURING A RUN WITH THE BEAUFORT HOUNDS.

During an eventful day's sport with his hounds, the Duke of Beaufort had an uncomfortable experience. His horse lost its footing and was carried downstream when crossing the flooded Avon by Bonkley Ford, near Malmesbury. The Duke had to swim for it, but gained the bank safely, and subsequently saw the end of a fine hunt in which a point of 21 miles was made and a total distance of 11 miles was covered as hounds ran.

The horse of Tom Newman (the huntsman) also lost its footing in crossing the stream and had to swim, but Newman himself found a ford and got out, as did the whipper-in.

VALLEY STAKES DISCUSSED.

SOME LIKELY CANDIDATES TO GO TO THE POST.

RACING BOY AND AMOY FANCIED.

[By "MORNING DEW."]

With no fewer than eighty-two subs entered for the Valley Stakes, the job of trying to pick the winner is exceedingly difficult and anyone who claims that he can tell which pony will carry off the Valleys is taking a big chance. There are a few outstanding animals among this year's sub-griffins and it is quite likely that the winner will come from among them.

On training performance, the race should fall to Cy-Pres, a black pony of 14 hands 1 inch belonging to Messrs. Lewis and Tinson. This pony is reputed to have done 2.49 for a mile and a quarter (last mile 2.12). This is an excellent gallop and Cy-Pres is certainly above the average. He is certain to do well, though one cannot help feeling that the Valleys is a bit too short for a candidate of his calibre. Mr. T. L. Wong will have the mount on Cy-Pres and his success in the Valleys on The Sun a few years ago will find him many supporters on Saturday.

Amoy's Chances.

The pony which is likely to show the way in the Valleys is Amoy, a candidate belonging to Mr. "C.C.C." Amoy will be ridden by Mr. "Gus" Bora at the Races and anyone who backs this pony is sure to get a run for his money. Amoy has been very consistent in his training gallops and has always impressed rail fans and there is every reason to think that he will make a great effort to win the Valley Stakes.

Racing Boy, belonging to Mr. H. S. Chan, is another candidate of great merit. The pony has a beautiful finish and with Y. S. Chang up he seems to have a big claim. Racing Boy was looked upon as one of the best subs as early as December last and he has lived up to his reputation in training. In a recent tryout he finished so impressively that many think that Mr. Chan's candidate will get very near even if he does not win.

Messrs. Lowcock and Lee's Bistre is another animal that has shown promise in training. The pony is a bay of 13.3 and is certainly moving as well as he had ever done. Mr. S. Y. Leung will probably be in the saddle in the Valleys and this jockey has been responsible for several big upsets in the past. If Bistre goes out in the Valleys, it would not be judicious to overlook his chances entirely.

Helter Skelter.

At one time thought to have a very good chance for the Valleys, but now considered as being out of the running, Helter Skelter, a chestnut of 13.2 belonging to Mr. Helenside, is a decent mover. The pony can travel well up to half a mile and it is felt that even the six furlongs is a bit far for him. If Helter Skelter avoids the Valley Stakes and accepts for the Wong Nei Chong Stakes, he is a very good bet for that race.

Mr. E. L. Hosie's Philanderer is another good candidate. He is a cream pony of 14 hands and might just as easily win the Valleys as any of them. Philanderer is whippersnapper in some quarters as a real "dark horse" for the Valleys. One admits that he has a strong claim, and there is nothing to lead anyone to think that he will not be well backed when he goes to the post.

Another good pony belongs to the "Dairym" stable. Pathfinder is a promising candidate of 14 hands. The pony can travel when in the mood to do so and he has some good training performances to back his claim for the Valleys. He has a habit, however, of avoiding the rails which might prove a big factor against him. In all probability the pony will be taken to the post by Mr. McCann.

The Crook, belonging to Mrs. S. A. Lopes, is another candidate with good training performances behind him and is almost certain to start in the Valley Stakes. Another sure starter is The Slump, belonging to "A.Z." and the pony is not to be sneered at.

Mystery Pony.

Quite a lot of people fancy Chiu Quan, though why they do so is something of a mystery. The pony, it is understood, will be ridden by Mr. D. S. Li, who is certainly one of the best jockeys in our midst, but even then Chiu Quan does not appeal.

Mr. A. N. Dallas will probably ride Lucky Bird, in the Valleys. This is a fairly good pony and has had some good performances behind him, but he might find the pace in the Valleys too much for him. If Lucky Bird is taken out in the Wong Nei Chong, he has a very strong claim.

SOME INTERESTING ADDRESSES.

THE WORLD TRAGEDY AND ITS CURE.

MISSIONARY "SKY PILOT."

Two members of the American Laymen's Foreign Mission Inquiry Commission kindly consented to preach in Hong Kong on Sunday morning. At Kowloon Union Church the preacher was Professor Rufus M. Jones, of Haverford College, a leading member of the Society of Friends in the U.S.A.

At the Hong Kong Union Church the first part of the service was conducted by the Minister, the Rev. E. G. Bowell, and the preacher was the Rev. Dr. W. P. Merrill, minister of Brick Presbyterian Church, New York. At the naval parade service which preceded the assembling of the civilian congregation, one of Dr. Merrill's hymns was sung.

Dr. Merrill took as his text the words of the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done," showing how these words brought into proper relation two aspects of religion, dependence on power coming from God, and realisation that there is work for God to be done on earth by mankind.

The World's Need.

The preacher's main theme was that Christianity has the message of hope and courage which the world so sorely needs at the present day, when we are passing through one of the dark hours of human history; a period of unemployment, social unrest, strife and foreboding—an expectation that things will be worse before they are better.

Only a vital religion can bring us through, and the trouble is that Christians have never taken Christ seriously. We think we are serving Him when we sing hymns, pray and read the Bible. You sang just now the hymn which contains these lines:

"Bring forth the Royal diadem

To crown Him Lord of all."

I imagine that if Jesus came in here this morning He would say, "I don't care to have you talk about diadems and crowns: I want people who will do what I tell them to do." The world at large sets Jesus aside, and we Christians often do the same, only we are more polite about it: we attend Church, but we do as we please.

"Horrible Travesties."

We must bear clear witness in the matter of international relations. Can it be in harmony with the will of God that nations, which have pledged their word to be done with war, should keep up the present burdens and sinister dangers of armaments? What would it mean to the world's burden bearers and unemployed millions if armaments were cut down to the bone, reduced to a mere police force, and millions of hours of unproductive labour set free to the benefit of the world?

One of the horrible travesties of the present hour is that there should still be members of the Christian Church who defend the war system and regard peace and disarmament as insubstantial dreams.

Lenin, Mussolini, or Christ?

Would anybody dare to assert that our present economic order is something that Christ would heartily approve? I would choose our free, competitive system in preference to either the Russian or the Italian way, but there is something better. Our economic system ought to be set in the way of Christ.

The world is beginning to lose faith in its other gods; the spirit of science is very much humbler than it was forty years ago, and "big business" is not so sure of

itself as it was ten years ago. The world is lonely and afraid and is waiting for a message of courage and hope. Oh! what an hour to proclaim God and the message of God!

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL AS MISSIONARY.

In the evening a large congregation, composed largely of South Wales Borderers, turned out to give a national welcome to the Rev. John Roberts, a young Cambridge graduate and Welsh international rugby player who has volunteered for the mission field and is passing through Hong Kong on his way to Chuanchow, Swatow. The young missionary's style and message recalled the "Sky Pilot," a character in Ralph Connor's book of that name. Without oratorical aids, or that light and shade of speech which comes with longer practice, Mr. Roberts gave the congregation a glimpse of the faith that is in him, and, as a bluejacket said to the reporter over a cup of tea at the social afterwards, "It was just as though he was one of ourselves talking to a pal about religion."

Leadership and Service.

It was a simple address on Peter's denial of Christ and the power that came to the weak disciple to turn him into the brave apostle. There was a touch which the servicemen specially appreciated, about what men will do on the football field or in battle for one who is a real leader.

"We do so need leadership. One has only to look round the world! Can one imagine worse chaos! No one trying to lead, or to strive towards any definite end. Is not Jesus Christ the only leader who can bring this world into any sort of shape, who can make anything of our lives? And He is ready to do it."

And then this touch of youthful modesty: "I often feel Jesus Christ can have no use for me: I am too imperfect to be able to do any good anywhere. But who on earth is to help Him if we are not? Where should you go to find perfect men, men like Jesus Christ? There are none. Only imperfect men can help Him, because there are no others in this world. He has done tremendous things for us and our world; what are we going to do for Him?"

At this service favourite Welsh hymns were sung and the rendering showed how the singing has benefited by the work of Dr. L. T. Ride as community song leader at the servicemen's hour.

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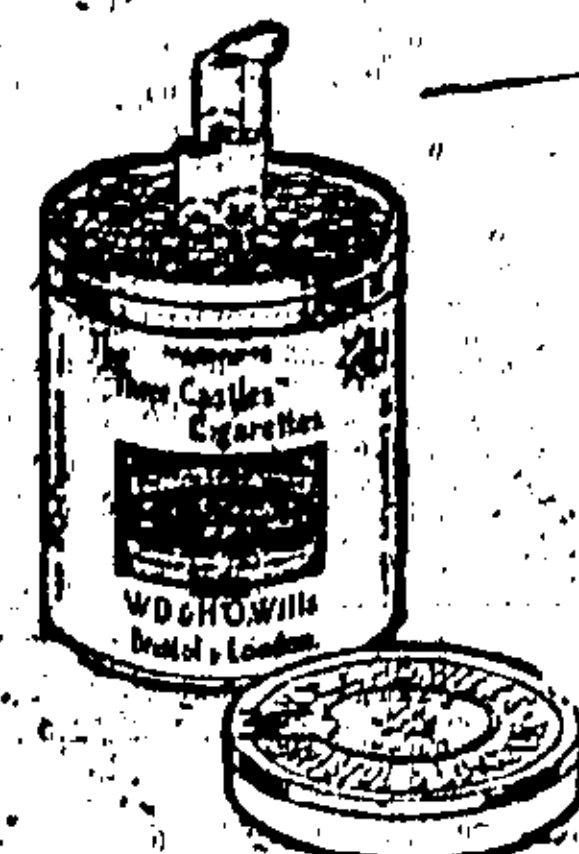
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The time interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSEURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

A limited number of Tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy. Telephone No. 21202.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 p.d. including tax for all persons, including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax. Bookmakers, Tio Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting. Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 8th Floor, Gloucester Building.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th February, 1932. [1704]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 18th FEBRUARY to MONDAY, 29th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong, 10th Feb, 1932. [1850]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Monday, the 16th February to Saturday, the 27th February, 1932, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th Feb, 1932. [1786]

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

REMINDER

ENTRIES for the Spring Race Meeting to be held at Macao on Sunday, the 13th March, 1932 close at 5 p.m. on Friday, the 19th February, 1932. [1823]

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HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHISON & CO. LTD., Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of FEBRUARY, 1932, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY, the 2nd to WEDNESDAY, the 17th February, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. F. SIMMONS,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1932. [1825]

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday the 15th March, 1932, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors, and electing the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 1st March, 1932, to Tuesday the 15th March, 1932, Both Days inclusive, during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. E. ELLAMS,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th February, 1932. [1821]

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO., LTD.

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NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND of TWO SHILLINGS per share on account of the financial year ending 31st March, 1932, has been declared by the Directors of the Company in Brisbane, payable to Shareholders on the 15th MARCH, 1932.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the SINGAPORE TRANSFER REGISTERS will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH to TUESDAY, 15th MARCH, 1932, (Both Days inclusive) for the preparation of Dividend Warrants.

By Order of the Board,

DEBBIE & CO.,

Chartered Accountants,

Local Secretaries.

Hong Kong Bank Chambers, Singapore, 11th Feb., 1932. [1807]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF CHARLES EVELYN FERGUSON, OF RIVERSIDE, SALFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, ENGLAND, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the Provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order limiting the Time for Creditors and Others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to 11th MARCH, 1932.

All Creditors and Others are accordingly hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that date.

DEACONS,

Solicitors for the Executrix,

1, Des Voeux Road Central,

Hong Kong. [1806]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF WALTER BOSS, SOMETIME RESIDENT AT FORRES, MORAYSHIRE, SCOTLAND BUT LATE OF SAIGON, FRENCH INDO CHINA, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of Probate Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the Time for Creditors and Others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 11th DAY of MARCH, 1932.

All Creditors and Others are accordingly hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 9th day of Feb., 1932.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,

Solicitors for the Executrix,

Prince's Building, 100 House Street,

Hong Kong. [1809]

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

PEAK AMAH FOUND GUILTY.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S OBSERVATIONS.

The case in which a young amah named Chau Sim, who was charged with the manslaughter of a man named Ho Fat at 112, The Peak, was heard before the Chief Justice (His Honour Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.) yesterday.

The jury at the end of the case found the amah "Guilty" but pleaded for leniency on her behalf.

The Chief Justice (to accused): How old are you?

Accused: Eighteen.

The Chief Justice (to Mr. Fitzroy, prosecuting Counsel): Nothing is known about her or of her family?

Mr. Fitzroy. No, Your Lordship.

The Chief Justice (to accused): I fully accept your statement that you had not the slightest intention of causing the death of the deceased. I have no doubt it is a grief to you yourself. What you have done—probably in a moment of anger and with some provocation—has deprived this unfortunate man of his life and his widow of a husband.

The jury have recommended you to leniency. For that reason—I was not going to impose a long sentence in any case—I am about to pass a shorter sentence on you than I would have done. The sentence is 'six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Prosecution's Case.

In prosecuting, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy told the jury that there was no doubt that the accused killed the deceased who was a cook employed at 112, The Peak. The unfortunate occurrence took place in the kitchen of the house.

Between 7 and 8 a.m. on the day of the incident, the accused went into the kitchen and took a kettle of boiling water to wash her hands. Later she again went to the kitchen for more boiling water when she was stopped by the deceased. There was a heated argument and the accused picked up a knife and said to the cook: "If you strike me I will stab you." There were two other persons in the kitchen at the time, one of whom was the "boy."

The deceased and the cook were left in the kitchen. A lot of noise followed and the "boy" went back to find the cook lying on the floor between the sink and the dresser and the accused standing up against the wall with a bloody knife in her hand.

An alarm was raised when it was realised that the man had been stabbed. Dr. Anderson came after a time, but meanwhile the cook complained that he was feeling cold. He died soon after the doctor's arrival. Mr. Fitzroy said that the whole length of the knife, which was as sharp as a razor, was driven in right up to the hilt, and it entered the deceased's lung.

After a brief retirement the jury returned a unanimous verdict of "Guilty" and sentence was passed as stated above.

The Quarrel.

The accused's story, when first charged with the crime, was:—"I didn't. I was short of one kettle of water to wash my head. He (the cook) would not let me take it. He threw the contents of the kettle and scalded my foot. We quarrelled and exchanged words. He struck me with the palm of his hand, pushed me against the wall, and got hold of my throat. I tried to push him off, and stabbed him by accident."

Mr. Fitzroy commented that no scalds were found on the accused's feet when they were examined.

At the Magistrate's, the accused said:—"I don't know what I am saying now. I am a woman and no match for a man, so I picked up the knife to keep him off, and stabbed him by accident."

"FENCE" SENT TO PRISON.

TWELVE MONTHS' HARD FOR RECEIVER.

Sequel to a Robbery.

Sentence of twelve months' hard labour was passed by the Pui-nai Judge (Mr. Justice Lindell) yesterday on Ma Chuen, who was charged at the Criminal Sessions with receiving stolen goods.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, who prosecuted, said that the charge was a sequel to a robbery committed at 165, Portland Street, on January 17, in which four robbers took part. It was not suggested that the accused was one of the robbers but the Crown suggested that he had received stolen goods, well knowing to them to have been stolen.

It was on January 21 when Inspector Fallon, together with a Chinese sergeant and a constable, visited 221, Portland Street, where the accused lived. The constable remained outside while the Inspector and the Sergeant entered the second floor, which at the time was occupied by the defendant only. While they were waiting a parcel was thrown out of the second floor window and, when retrieved, was found to contain three watches, a gold ring and a jade bracelet. Two of the watches and the bracelet were identified as property stolen on January 17. From the accused, Inspector Fallon secured a bunch of keys with one of which he opened a cabinet in which was found a fountain pen case with pencil, which was also identified as being among the stolen articles.

The accused claimed that the articles were given him by a friend. He did not know they had been stolen.

After a brief retirement the jury returned a unanimous verdict of "Guilty" and sentence was passed as stated above.

TEN YEARS' HARD.

"STIFF SENTENCE ON ACID-THROWER.

Convicted on a charge of throwing corrosive acid, a Chinese who was tried before Mr. Justice Lindell, was sentenced to ten years' hard labour. His Lordship described the crime as "disgustingly revolting."

The accused was convicted of having thrown the acid on a *fuk* who slept in a bed in one of the streets off Hollywood Road. The incident happened shortly after midnight on October 29 last, and evidence of the defendant's arrest and of his purchasing the acid, had previously been given by the Crown.

Telling his story from the witness box, prisoner said on the evening in question he first of all smoked opium and then went to the Ko Shing Theatre, which place he left after eleven o'clock, returned home and went to bed. He said he could give no explanation regarding the finding of the bottle in his room nor of the evidence given against him that he was seen walking hurriedly from the scene of the acid throwing, and complainant's identification.

In reply to his Lordship, prisoner stated that as the clothes he was wearing when arrested were torn, he changed into another suit at the goal and threw the torn clothing into the goal rubbish heap.

Giving evidence on prisoner's behalf, his father stated that prisoner returned to the house at about eleven o'clock and went to bed. He did not go out again until the police arrived.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

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study the history of that country, try and find out why it is what it is. If you can, learn its language, for no universal language can give you a tenth part of the insight into the hearts of men that learning their own language will give you. For language is part of their very soul. Find out what is the greatest thing they have done in the world. What stands in the way of your friendship with that country? Make it your business to find out; advance towards it in the cause of peace as a soldier advances against it in the cause of war."

Dr. Roydon goes on to say:—"Make some sacrifice. Stand up for peace—in your office, in your school, in your home; have you been a coward about peace? Have you never stood aside while people said bitter, uncomprehending things about Germany or France or America or Russia or India or any other country that somehow offended their susceptibilities? Have you never shrunk from the office of peacemaker yourself?"

Guides and Scouts.

We in Hong Kong are very fortunate in being able to get in touch with all nationalities. Don't neglect those opportunities, please. And that brings me near to the subject so dear to my heart, Guides and Scouts, friends of all the world. I am glad that Central British Guides still stand firm. I am sure you are all very sorry to lose Mrs. Lawson, who is leaving Hong Kong. She has given the Company most valuable help. We wish her and her husband all happiness and success. We welcome back warmly Miss Owen Hight and we are very grateful to Mrs. Vaughan Fowler for promising to assist us. We have heard to-day Miss Rachel Warren who has come from England to give us help and encouragement in Guide work. I am sure you will give her a warm welcome. Miss Warren has travelled many thousands of miles to join us, and we hope that she will enjoy her stay in this friendly and beautiful corner of the world. I hope many more pupils of Central British will join the Company and take part in our cheerful work and play.

And now I must stop or I shall exceed the fifteen minute limit set by the author of "Oh, Those Prize Givings!" I wish Central British School happiness and prosperity during this year and many years to come, and I thank Mr. de Martin and Mr. Nightingale for inviting me to come here to-day. (Applause.)

Mrs. Southorn was then presented with a basket of flowers by Miss Miss Scriver, after which the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

University of Cambridge School Certificate Examination:—A. H. S. Skinn, awarded the Peace Memorial Scholarship.

University of Hongkong Matriculation Examination:—S. M. Bander (distinction in English), M. Smalley (distinction in English), A. Miller and A. Dobry.

University of Hongkong Senior Local Examination:—I. Wmley.

University of Hongkong Junior Local Examination:—N. Annie, K. Clarke (distinction in Stenography), M. Clarke, M. Gardner (distinction in English), M. Mc Caw (distinction in English and Stenography), P. Bird (distinction in English), D. Gregory, V. Tru-berg (distinction in Arithmetic), W. Maycock, J. Miller and J. Thirlwell (distinction in Biblical Knowledge).

Montargis French Prize (Senior):—S. M. Bander.

Government Scholarship:—Form V, J. Thirlwell; Form IV, G. Rapp; Form III, J. Booker; Form II, W. Pryde; Form I, Kempton; and Form IR, H. Farmer.

Government Prizes:—Form V, D. Gregory; Form IV, R. Jones; Form IIIA, D. Harold; Form IIIB, D. Taylor; Form IIA, A. Mitchell; Form IIB, A. Rabbit; Form IA, H. Bunje; Form IB, J. Iopling and Form IR, D. Farrar.

Garrison Scholarships:—A. Allen, H. Clarke, J. Lambeth, R. Maycock, C. Sully, D. Smith and L. Witt.

Lugard Scholarship:—D. P. Hamblin.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Scholarships:—M. Adam and V. Mackenzie.

J. R. M. Smith's Scholarships:—G. McNeillie and M. McCaw.

Headmaster's Prize:—S. M. Bander.

Wylie Composition Prize:—J. Suitor.

Erna Abraham Scholarship:—A. Dobry.

War Memorial Prize:—M. Smalley.

History Prize (presented by H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Esq.):—Form V, F. Ansel and Form IV, J. Bryson.

Prize for Mathematics (presented by G. G. Wood, Esq.):—Form V, V. Grunberg and Form IV, R. Jones.

French Prize (presented by M. J. B. Montargis, Esq.):—Form V, M. Clarke.

English Prize (presented by F. C. Jenkin, Esq., K.C.):—Form V, F. M. Gardner; Form IV, J. Jordan and Form IIIA, D. Harold.

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(Reuter's Special Service.)

WELLINGTON, N.Z., Feb. 15.
Hanging by his head downward for over an hour, while one of his passengers was clinging to a strap dashed to his heels, and a fellow-pilot was heading his machine through a driving rainstorm, an airman named Blackmore successfully completed amazing aerial repairs.

Blackmore, with his colleagues, was participating in mass formation flying over New Plymouth and when attempting to land bumped heavily.

The shock caused one of the bolts on the landing wheels to break and immediately rendering the peril of alighting, the practical certainty of a smash, Blackmore opened the throttle and re-ascended again, shouting "I am off to Hamilton."

In the course of the flight to Hamilton, where Blackmore's home aerodrome was situated, he carried out repairs to the damaged wheel in mid-air, and landed safely.

He was hanging upside down for over an hour, with a slender strap taking his full weight!

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 355 METRES.

EUROPEAN LECTURE.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme.
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news, mail notices, etc.
2 p.m.—Close down.
3 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.
6 to 6.30 p.m.—Children's programme.
7 to 10.30 p.m.—European programme.
7 p.m.—Mail notices, etc.
7.30 to 7.50 p.m.—

Talkie Tunes and Musical Comedy.

King of Jazz—"Selection."—Regal Cinema Orchestra.—DX72.
Funny Face—"Tell the Dog."—Lislie, Henson and Male Quartette.—9502.
Folly to be Wise—"Selection."—Forsyth Mackey and his Band.—DX219.
Rio Rita—"I'd Rather Have a Memory of You."—Goffrey Gwyther and Edith Day.—DX24.
7.30 to 7.50 p.m.—

From the Studio.

Mrs. H. M. Broadbent will conclude her lecture on "Twenty Years in Burma."
8 p.m.—Local time and weather report.
7.50 to 8.15 p.m.—

Octettes.

Second Movement from "Symphonie Pathétique" (Tschai-kowsky arr. Robertson).
"Scene de Ballet" (de Beriot arr. Sear).—J. H. Squire Celeste Octette.—9325.
"Putting the Clock Back" (arr. Squire).—J. H. Squire Celeste Octette.—DX63.
8.15 to 8.33 p.m.—
"Ma Mere L'Oye" (Mother Goose) (Ravel).—Walter Jamrosch conducting the New York Symphony Orchestra.—7516/8516.
8.33 to 9 p.m.—

Variety.

An Old Time "Sing-Song"—Descriptive with Charles Coburn in the Chair.—DX31.
Song—"If Winter Comes."—Billy Bennett (Comedian).—DX13.
Xylophone Duet—"The Royal Pageant."—The Famous Barnardo Musical Boys.—4491.
Descriptive Sketch—"A Day's Broadcasting."—Clapham and Dwyer.—4745.
9 to 10 p.m. (approx.)—Relay of the debate from the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon: The Motion—"That Modern Youth is Fulfiling Its Responsibilities."
Speakers—Mr. E. F. Selk, Mr. A. R. Brown, Mr. T. J. Price, Mr. W. J. Kenten.
10 to 10.15 p.m.—

Orchestral.

"Schubertiana" (Schubert arr. Finck).—Herman Finck and his Orchestra.—9480.
"Tschai-kowskiana" (arr. Hand).—Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra.—9470.
10.15 to 10.30 p.m.—Rugby mid-day Press news and Board of Trade London letters.
10.30 p.m.—Close down.
All Columbia records in the above European programmes are supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

"THE HISTORICAL NOVEL."

MR. FRANCE'S MERRY TILTING.

FANCY DRESS PICTURES OF OUR RUDE ANCESTORS.

Historical novels received rather rough treatment from Mr. N. H. France, who was lecturing upon that subject to the English Association, yesterday evening, at the Helena May Institute. Mr. France suggested that characters in historical novels were like people in fancy dress. They wore a tolerable imitation of the clothes of another age, but their speech, manners and outlook were still of their own time.

The lecturer was of opinion that the historical novel achieved popularity because the people of the quiet and comfortable England of the 19th century had a nostalgia for the supposedly adventurous and more highly coloured past, when there were knights and tournaments, wigs, and velvet cloaks. What people who read novels wanted was an escape from reality, into a pleasant dream world, which they imagined had once existed. They liked to identify themselves with the heroes and heroines of this entrancing world of the romanticist creation.

No Reality.

Historical novelists never dealt with the realities of the past. They might give pictures, of a sort, of dungeons and torture, but they never dwelt long on such details as lice and gangrene. If a writer gave an accurate picture of the past his readers would probably not like it, because, though it might be true, it was not what they expected.

Dialect.

One great difficulty was the speech of a past age. The conventional way of meeting the trouble was by spattering the dialogue with "prithce," "faire ladye," "odds fish" and "the and thou." Personally he found that intensely irritating. George Moore had been quite successful with a reasonable compromise, reflecting the atmosphere of the story, in "Heloise and Abelard," and also in "Aphrodite in Aulis," though in the latter book the archaic manner became tedious.

Rough Cards.

Mr. France made great play with the coarseness of our ancestors. All England was horrified when it was suggested by a foreign doctor that Queen Elizabeth should have a bath. Until the Stuart period forks were unknown and people fed themselves with their fingers. Laud once complained that he was lame through pen-bites. As to sanitation; we could learn of that from Smollett!

Refinements in conversation was a Victorian innovation. Conversation before then was when judged by our standards, incredibly coarse. Aristocrats were tyrannical to a degree forgotten to-day, and social consciences had no existence.

But one found nothing of that in Scott and the other historical novelists. One might enjoy the books of that school, but as mirrors of the past they were worse than useless. They reflected conditions and characters that had never existed.

Mr. France was very severe on Scott, but admitted the power and gusto of Harrison Ainsworth, particularly in "London Castle," the "Tower of London" and the "Lancashire Witches." The last certainly did convey, in his opinion, something of the superstitions, fear and horror of the time when James I. wrote about "demonology."

G. A. Henty.

There was an amusing passage about G. A. Henty's many books. The time and place might vary, but the hero, whether following Tutankhamen or Marlborough, was always the same, a young Englishman, who could only have been educated at Rugby, where he would have been the apple of Dr. Arnold's eye.

If we wanted to know of a period from novels we should read the novels of the period. "Henry Bunford" might be a good picture of Queen Anne's day, but Swift gave us a much better one. No great character emerged from the historical novel, because it was impossible to recapture enough to get more than a photographic view of the past.

Taking Up Oudgells.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, who presided, said that while he thoroughly enjoyed Mr. France's witty lecture he did not agree with (Continued on next column.)

NO IRISH GRAND PRIX RACES.

FIXTURE ABANDONED FOR THIS YEAR.

LACK OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Dublin.—Owing to lack of financial support, there will be no Irish Grand Prix motor races here this year, it was finally decided by the organising committee. Decision regarding future races was held over to a future meeting.

The Grand Prix motor races have been held for the past three years, sponsored by the Royal Automobile Club, but on each occasion there has been a financial loss. The funds for the races were mainly provided by guarantors, the majority of whom were members of the club.

The races have attracted most of the world's famous drivers, including Sir Malcolm Campbell, Earl Howe, the late Cmdr. Glen Kidston, Mr. Kaye Don, the Eyston brothers, the Earl of March, and many crack motorists of the Continent. Since the last races, in July last year, the club has made several appeals for financial support for races this year, but the response was almost negligible, and some time ago it was decided to drop the fixture.

But the motor trade and others have made strenuous efforts to persuade the club to revoke its decision. To-day's meeting was the culmination of those efforts.

After fully considering the position, the committee decided that it was impossible to proceed with the arrangements. It is probable that a race will be promoted next year.

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One didn't want absolute realism. Historical novels at least stimulated interest in persons and periods. They prepared the way for a proper appreciation of Stubbs' charters! Memoirs and biographies had largely taken the place of historical novels in these days, especially biographies of the kind written by Lytton Strachey. Personally he thought historical novels were much better for young people, than detective stories, and the best literature of the past was not always good for babies—Collins' autobiography for example.

Professor Simpson maintained that the test of a book was whether one enjoyed it. Judged by that standard the historical novel did not fail. History was the presentation of all available facts, but a novel was a selection of facts, to tell the story. To suppress the objectionable was quite justifiable. Scott never claimed to be an accurate historian—he was a writer of fiction. He put his views on this matter in the introduction to "Peveril of the Peak"—according to his own standards he did not fail!

TRAVELLING IN YUNNAN.

INTERESTING LECTURE BY DR. PFISTER.

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong University Medical Society, a very interesting lecture on "Travelling in Yunnan and Szechuen" was given by Dr. M. O. Pfister at the University yesterday at 8.30 p.m. There was an unusually large attendance. Prof. L. T. Rido, Rev. Carpenter, Prof. Davies, Dr. Gunder and Dr. T. Y. Li were among those present. Dr. D. K. Samy presided.

Dr. Pfister said that six weeks of hiking in Yunnan had made him as fit as ever, and that his wife too enjoyed the trip very much. From Hong Kong, they proceeded to Kiphong (Annam), and from there they took train to Hanoi. To travel from Hanoi to Yunnanfu (capital of Yunnan), it took them two days. Yunnan was a beautiful country, with high plateaus and fertile river basins. The city of Yunnanfu itself was 9,400 feet above sea level. They travelled by an old caravan route through the heart of the province. They had escorts, guides. Each day they covered 40 to 60 li.

Dr. Pfister dwelt briefly on the tribes of Yunnan—the Miao, who were originally from Shaan and Anhwei, and the Lolo, who were divided into black and white Lolo. They had intermarried with the Chinese and it was difficult to distinguish a Miao, or a Lolo from a Chinese. The people in Yunnan spoke a language nearly the same as mandarin.

The lecture was followed by a movie-picture, which was taken by Dr. Pfister.

The lecture terminated with a vote of thanks to the speaker.

BIG SOVIET OIL PROJECT

305-MILE PIPELINE COMPLETED

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Moscow, Feb. 15.
It is announced that the three hundred and five miles long pipeline, which is to be employed for the purpose of pumping kerosene from Armyv to the Ukraine, has been completed.
The pipeline cost more than two million pounds sterling to construct. The work was carried out with remarkable expedition, being completed in ten months.

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Pres. Garfield due Feb. 20 from America, Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai.
Pres. Lincoln due Feb. 22 from America, Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai.
Pres. Taft due Feb. 24 from U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai.
Pyrrhus due from Europe March 13.
Rajputana due from Europe Feb. 25.
Rakuyo Maru due from South America Feb. 28.
Santhia due Feb. 24 from Calcutta and Straits.
Shantung, due from Europe Feb. 19.
Shinyo Maru due Feb. 19 from Japan and Shanghai.
Taiping due from Australia March 4.
Teiresias due from Europe Feb. 18.
Tergetea due from Europe March 5.
Troilus due from Europe March 18.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS.

Anchises, due from Europe March 21.
Andre Lebon due from Saigon Feb. 17.
Antenor due from Europe April 1.
Asama Maru due from America Feb. 22.
Atsuta Maru due Feb. 18 from Australia and Manila.
Burdwan due from Europe Feb. 20.
Bremerhaven due March 4 from New Guinea ports.
Calchas due from Europe Feb. 26.
Emp. of Asia due from Vancouver March 17.
Empress of Japan due from Vancouver Feb. 20.
Glaucus due from America March 11.
Hakusan Maru due from Japan and Shanghai Feb. 19.
Haldora due Feb. 28, from Japan and Shanghai.
Ixion, due from Vancouver March 2.
Kashima Maru due Feb. 20 from Europe via Negapatam.
Kitano Maru due from Australia Feb. 28.
Kumsang due Feb. 17 from Calcutta and Straits.
Mausang, J. M. & Co., Feb. 28.
Memnon due from Europe Feb. 24.
Nagara due from Europe March 17.
Naldora due Feb. 28, from Japan.
Patriot due from Europe March 4.
Philoctetes due from Europe Feb. 20.
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